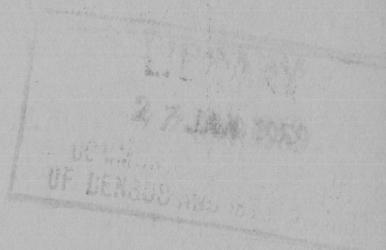


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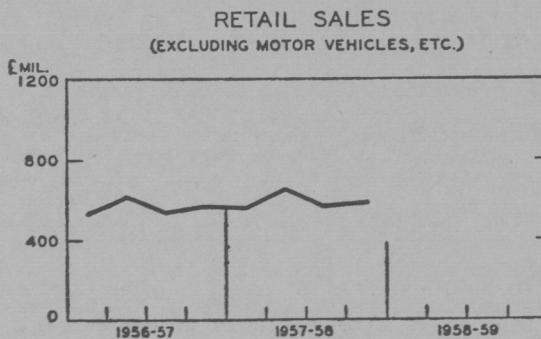
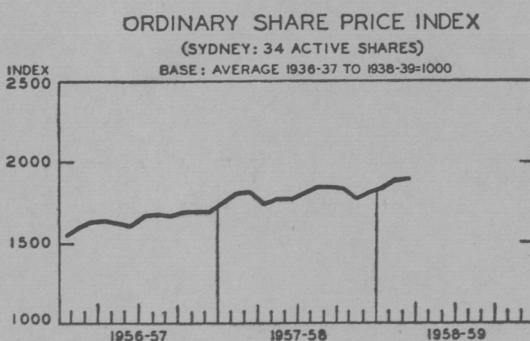
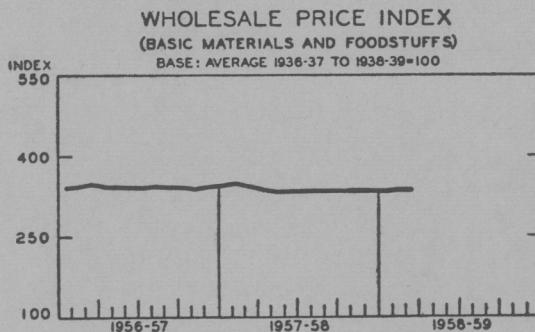
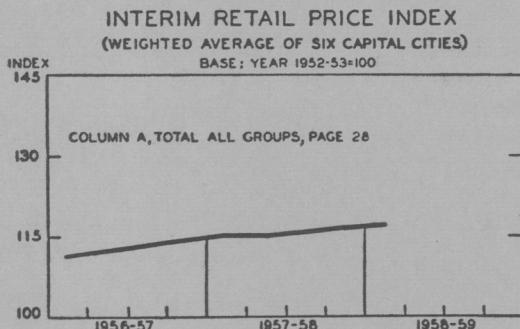
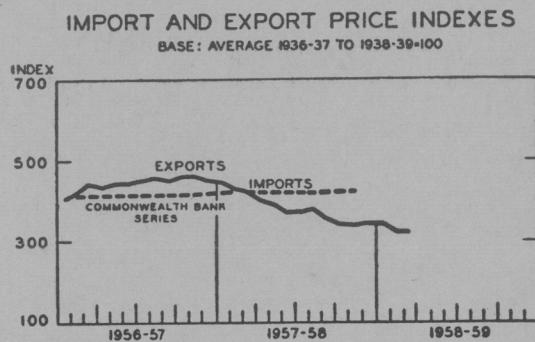
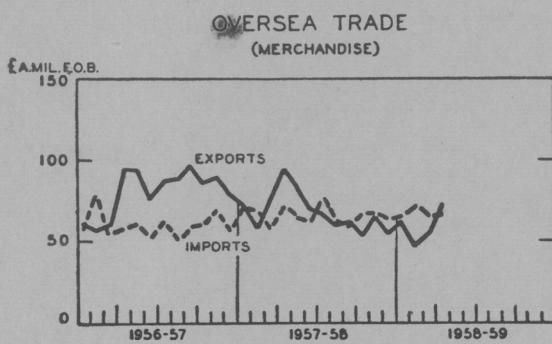
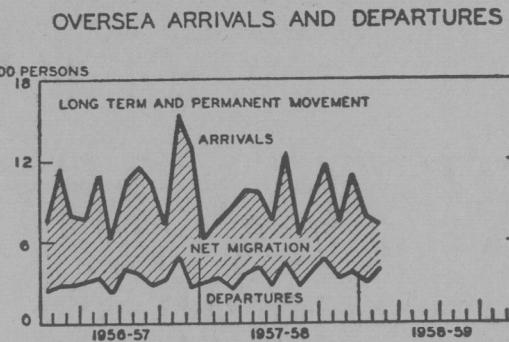
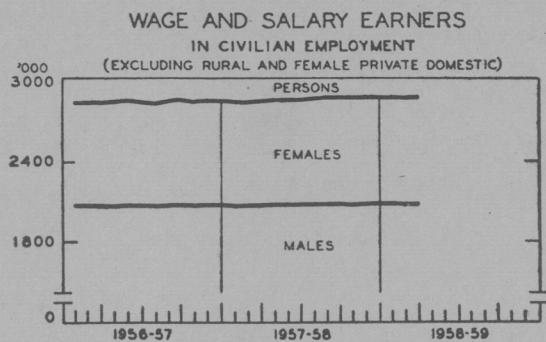
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# INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following page summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein :—

| Period.                 | Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment (Excluding Rural and female private domestic) |          |          | Average Weekly Wage Earnings (b) Index (Base : 1945-46 = 1,000). | Internal Trade. |            | Overseas Trade (Merchandise only—Values f.o.b. port of Shipment). |          | Building Permits(e) Six Capital Cities and Suburbs. | New Houses and Flats Commenced.(f) |
|-------------------------|--|----------|----------|--|-----------------|------------|---|----------|---|------------------------------------|
|                         | —End of Month. (a)   |          |          |  | Whole-sale.(c)  | Retail.(d) | Imports.  | Exports. |   |                                    |
|                         | Males.   | Females. | Total.   |  |                 |            |   |          |   |                                    |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |  |          |          |  |                 |            |   |          |   |                                    |
| 1936-37 .. ..           | '000.  | '000.    | '000.    | n.a.   | £m.             | £m.        | £m.   | £m.      | £'000.  | No.                                |
| 1937-38 .. ..           |  | n.a.     | n.a.     | n.a.   | 37.2            | n.a.       | 8.6   | 12.3     | 1,986   | n.a.                               |
| 1938-39 .. ..           |  | n.a.     | n.a.     | n.a.   | 40.5            | n.a.       | 10.6  | 11.7     | 2,307   | n.a.                               |
|                         | (g)1,293   | (g)437   | (g)1,730 | n.a.   | 39.8            | n.a.       | 9.4   | 10.1     | 2,353   | n.a.                               |
| 1951-52 .. ..           | 1,915  | 709      | 2,624    | r2,221   | 162.1           | 404.0      | 87.5  | 55.4     | 9,699   | (h)20,231                          |
| 1952-53 .. ..           | 1,876  | 670      | 2,546    | r2,428   | 158.1           | 425.5      | 42.5  | 70.7     | 10,040  | (h)16,152                          |
| 1953-54 .. ..           | 1,914  | 695      | 2,609    | r2,553   | 179.5           | 460.2      | 56.5  | 67.7     | 12,356  | (h)19,219                          |
| 1954-55 .. ..           | 1,971  | 727      | 2,698    | r2,682   | 205.5           | 505.2      | 70.1  | 63.2     | 17,892  | 19,309                             |
| 1955-56 .. ..           | 2,067  | 768      | 2,835    | r2,863   | 221.3           | 542.1      | 68.2  | 64.2     | 18,881  | 18,155                             |
| 1956-57 .. ..           | 2,081  | 779      | 2,860    | r3,013   | 233.2           | 564.8      | 59.7  | 81.1     | 17,401  | 17,364                             |
| 1957-58 .. ..           | 2,085  | 791      | 2,876    | r3,096   |                 | 594.2      | 65.8  | 67.8     | 19,160  | 18,337                             |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |  |          |          |  |                 |            |   |          |   |                                    |
| <b>1956-57—</b>         |  |          |          |  |                 |            |   |          |   |                                    |
| October .. ..           | 2,076  | 778      | 2,854    | r3,021   | 254.7           | 620.9      | 57.1  | 95.3     | 19,311  |                                    |
| November .. ..          | 2,085  | 784      | 2,869    |  | 259.9           |            | 59.7  | 93.6     | 18,265  |                                    |
| December .. ..          | 2,080  | 782      | 2,862    |  | 235.2           |            | 52.1  | 76.0     | 12,071  |                                    |
| January .. ..           | 2,077  | 776      | 2,853    |  | 209.2           |            | 62.6  | 87.6     | 15,406  |                                    |
| February .. ..          | 2,086  | 785      | 2,871    | r3,018   | 224.9           | 537.1      | 51.1  | 89.3     | 16,433  |                                    |
| March .. ..             | 2,088  | 787      | 2,875    |  | 233.4           |            | 58.6  | 97.4     | 17,932  |                                    |
| April .. ..             | 2,080  | 782      | 2,862    | r3,035   | 227.8           | 567.0      | 60.8  | 87.2     | 16,262  |                                    |
| May .. ..               | 2,085  | 782      | 2,867    |  | 252.9           |            | 69.1  | 90.7     | 21,322  |                                    |
| June .. ..              | 2,085  | 780      | 2,865    |  | 222.7           |            | 55.9  | 78.1     | 19,386  |                                    |
| <b>1957-58—</b>         |  |          |          |  |                 |            |   |          |   |                                    |
| July .. ..              | 2,080  | 780      | 2,860    | r3,085   | 235.3           | 564.0      | p   | p        | 20,078  |                                    |
| August .. ..            | 2,076  | 780      | 2,856    |  | 235.3           |            | 67.9  | 58.3     | 21,333  |                                    |
| September .. ..         | 2,080  | 783      | 2,863    |  | 254.7           |            | 56.9  | 75.7     | 19,789  |                                    |
| October .. ..           | 2,081  | 786      | 2,867    |  | 267.4           |            | 71.9  | 94.1     | 18,779  |                                    |
| November .. ..          | 2,080  | 793      | 2,873    | r3,104   | 265.1           | 655.6      | 64.3  | 83.2     | 17,200  |                                    |
| December .. ..          | 2,079  | 792      | 2,871    |  | 255.8           |            | 61.8  | 70.3     | 13,469  |                                    |
| January .. ..           | 2,084  | 790      | 2,874    |  | 211.8           |            | 77.2  | 66.7     | 19,659  |                                    |
| February .. ..          | 2,088  | 797      | 2,885    | 3,092  | 237.6           | 568.6      | 62.5  | 60.1     | 17,001  |                                    |
| March .. ..             | 2,092  | 800      | 2,892    |  | 247.0           |            | 59.5  | 61.1     | 18,273  |                                    |
| April .. ..             | 2,093  | 796      | 2,889    |  | 239.2           |            | 67.2  | 53.0     | 22,059  |                                    |
| May .. ..               | 2,094  | 795      | 2,889    | 3,100  | 260.3           | 588.7      | 66.7  | 65.0     | 20,878  |                                    |
| June .. ..              | 2,094  | 793      | 2,887    |  | r244.7          |            | 63.2  | 55.2     | 21,404  |                                    |
| <b>1958-59—</b>         |  |          |          |  |                 |            |   |          |   |                                    |
| July .. ..              | 2,091  | 793      | 2,884    |  | pr252.1         |            | 63.8  | 61.2     | 26,250  |                                    |
| August .. ..            | 2,087  | 793      | 2,880    | 3,177  | p246.5          |            | 72.9  | 47.7     | 22,283  |                                    |
| September .. ..         | 2,089  | 794      | 2,883    |  |                 |            | 65.7  | 55.3     | r22,891   |                                    |
| October .. ..           |  |          |          |  |                 |            |   | 73.4     |   |                                    |

(a) Excludes Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service Trainees in camp. New series from June, 1955. See note (b) page 8.  
 (b) Seasonally adjusted. Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. (c) Net sales recorded under Sales Tax Acts. (d) Quarterly average sales for years and quarterly total sales. Excludes the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory. Excludes Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (e) All building operations for which permits granted by local government authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see note (a) page 33). (f) Includes owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years, and quarterly totals. From September quarter, 1954, includes the Northern Territory. (g) July, 1939: obtained from National Register. (h) Partly estimated.

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# INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

| Period.                 | Production of Black Coal. | Total Electricity Generated. | Production of Ingot Steel. | New Motor Vehicles Registered (a) (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles). |                           | Government Railways: Gross Revenue. | P.M.G.'s Department Cash Receipts. | Private Trading Banks. (b) |           | Bank Debits to Customers' Accounts (Weekly Averages). |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|---|
|                         |                           |                              |                            | Motor Cars.   | Commercial Vehicles, etc. |                                     |                                    | Deposits.                  | Advances. |   |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> | '000 tons.                | Million kWh                  | '000 tons.                 | '000.   | '000.                     | £'000.                              | £'000.                             | £m.                        | £m.       | £m.   |
| 1936-37 ..              | 977                       | 331                          | 90.0                       | 4.0   | 2.0                       | 3,517                               | 1,318                              | 297.6                      | 262.5     | n.a.  |
| 1937-38 ..              | 990                       | 363                          | 97.2                       | 4.6   | 2.3                       | 3,705                               | 1,396                              | 314.8                      | 274.4     | n.a.  |
| 1938-39 ..              | 1,051                     | 391                          | 97.5                       | 4.5   | 2.1                       | 3,662                               | 1,447                              | 317.7                      | 288.1     | n.a.  |
| 1950-51 ..              | 1,368                     | 875                          | 120.3                      | 10.7  | 6.5                       | 8,804                               | 3,732                              | 1,144.2                    | 479.3     | 372.9   |
| 1951-52 ..              | 1,598                     | 941                          | 126.8                      | 10.5  | 6.1                       | 11,626                              | 4,948                              | 1,201.7                    | 621.4     | 402.4   |
| 1952-53 ..              | 1,545                     | 1,004                        | 150.1                      | 7.8   | 4.3                       | 12,903                              | 5,367                              | 1,162.4                    | 638.1     | 389.3   |
| 1953-54 ..              | 1,619                     | 1,142                        | 176.4                      | 10.5  | 4.8                       | 14,155                              | 5,650                              | 1,275.5                    | 658.5     | 446.5   |
| 1954-55 ..              | 1,613                     | 1,264                        | 184.1                      | 13.9  | 5.6                       | 14,498                              | 6,069                              | 1,310.7                    | 776.8     | 491.6   |
| 1955-56 ..              | 1,586                     | 1,399                        | 193.4                      | 13.6  | 5.8                       | 14,765                              | 6,612                              | 1,295.4                    | 804.4     | 521.4   |
| 1956-57 ..              | 1,643                     | 1,531                        | 237.8                      | 12.5  | 4.9                       | 15,737                              | 7,519                              | 1,328.0                    | 762.6     | 562.7   |
| 1957-58 ..              | p1,698                    | p1,650                       |                            | 13.8  | 5.6                       | 14,928                              | 8,065                              | 1,391.3                    | 774.3     | 592.0   |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                           |                              |                            |   |                           | (c)                                 |                                    |                            |           |   |
| 1956-57—                |                           |                              |                            |   |                           |                                     |                                    |                            |           |   |
| October ..              | 1,901                     | 1,538                        | 226.5                      | 13.4  | 5.5                       | 17,497                              | 8,110                              | 1,281.5                    | 780.2     | 562.2   |
| November ..             | 1,837                     | 1,486                        | 247.7                      | 14.1  | 5.6                       | 16,712                              | 7,225                              | 1,311.4                    | 771.2     | 571.2   |
| December ..             | 1,271                     | 1,394                        | 247.0                      | 12.0  | 4.4                       | 14,552                              | 7,611                              | 1,340.6                    | 762.2     | 589.6   |
| January ..              | 1,087                     | 1,410                        | 260.4                      | 10.9  | 3.9                       | 15,027                              | 7,073                              | 1,362.5                    | 744.9     | 531.0   |
| February ..             | 1,625                     | 1,388                        | 237.5                      | 12.1  | 3.3                       | 14,585                              | 7,312                              | 1,390.9                    | 732.5     | 590.7   |
| March ..                | 1,612                     | 1,543                        | 254.5                      | 12.1  | 5.3                       | 15,347                              | 8,020                              | 1,416.3                    | 725.5     | 597.1   |
| April ..                | 1,533                     | 1,502                        | 246.9                      | 11.3  | 4.7                       | 15,220                              | 7,539                              | 1,395.0                    | 743.5     | 593.9   |
| May ..                  | 1,778                     | 1,693                        | 250.5                      | 14.6  | 5.8                       | 16,569                              | 8,457                              | 1,368.7                    | 757.3     | 597.2   |
| June ..                 | 1,583                     | 1,616                        | 246.8                      | 12.3  | 5.3                       | 14,454                              | 8,962                              | 1,362.1                    | 766.2     | 588.8   |
| 1957-58—                | p                         | p                            | p                          |   |                           |                                     |                                    |                            |           |   |
| July ..                 | 1,913                     | 1,817                        | 264.2                      | 13.0  | 5.3                       | 15,703                              | 7,423                              | 1,349.6                    | 770.5     | 600.7   |
| August ..               | 1,845                     | 1,773                        | 271.7                      | 11.9  | 5.4                       | 15,763                              | 7,532                              | 1,331.9                    | 762.0     | 527.5   |
| September ..            | 1,824                     | 1,641                        | 261.5                      | 13.4  | 5.4                       | 15,810                              | 7,503                              | 1,342.2                    | 756.1     | 577.0   |
| October ..              | 1,940                     | 1,666                        | 263.9                      | 15.3  | 6.1                       | 16,484                              | 8,563                              | 1,385.5                    | 765.5     | 603.3   |
| November ..             | 1,831                     | 1,584                        | 246.4                      | 14.6  | 5.8                       | 15,176                              | 7,510                              | 1,406.6                    | 772.0     | 608.3   |
| December ..             | 1,347                     | 1,530                        | 250.9                      | 14.8  | 5.4                       | 13,887                              | 8,623                              | 1,431.7                    | 766.3     | 667.5   |
| January ..              | 1,233                     | 1,519                        | 269.9                      | 11.1  | 4.6                       | 13,676                              | 8,469                              | 1,445.7                    | 753.4     | 512.7   |
| February ..             | 1,661                     | 1,468                        | 232.6                      | 13.9  | 5.5                       | 13,364                              | 7,664                              | 1,443.6                    | 749.6     | 587.6   |
| March ..                | 1,670                     | 1,632                        | 265.9                      | 13.7  | 6.1                       | 15,026                              | 8,055                              | 1,449.6                    | 754.6     | 609.4   |
| April ..                | 1,620                     | 1,589                        | 254.2                      | 15.4  | 6.2                       | 14,163                              | 7,906                              | 1,414.4                    | 792.2     | 609.4   |
| May ..                  | 1,769                     | 1,767                        | 277.6                      | 15.2  | 6.0                       | 15,227                              | 8,482                              | 1,354.2                    | 819.5     | 608.2   |
| June ..                 | 1,708                     | 1,813                        | 263.1                      | 12.8  | 5.4                       | 14,856                              | 9,046                              | 1,343.0                    | 831.7     | 603.0   |
| 1958-59—                |                           |                              |                            |   |                           |                                     |                                    |                            |           |   |
| July ..                 | 2,011                     | 1,968                        | 270.5                      | 13.9  | 6.1                       | 15,271                              | 8,449                              | 1,331.2                    | 844.9     | 662.7   |
| August ..               | 1,831                     | 1,852                        | 267.2                      | p13.6   | p5.5                      | 15,233                              | 7,661                              | 1,321.5                    | 838.8     | 558.2   |
| September ..            | 1,797                     | 1,775                        | 263.6                      | p14.7   | p5.9                      |                                     | 8,512                              | 1,324.0                    | 829.8     | 597.7   |
| October ..              |                           | 1,774                        |                            | p16.1   | p6.3                      |                                     | 9,299                              | 1,352.7                    | 830.9     | 639.8   |

(a) Excludes the Northern Territory prior to July, 1953; also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.

(b) Until December, 1946, averages of deposits and advances on Mondays in period; thereafter on Wednesdays. (c) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p. ——, see page 1.

# POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA.

| Period.                   |      | Marriages. | Births. | Deaths. | Natural Increase.(a) | Net Oversea Migration.(b) | Total Increase.(c) | Population at end of Period. |
|---------------------------|------|------------|---------|---------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b> |      |            |         |         |                      |                           |                    |                              |
| 1948-49                   | ..   | 18,498     | 44,149  | 19,041  | 25,108               | 25,287                    | (d) 49,826         | 7,908,066                    |
| 1949-50                   | ..   | 18,558     | 47,048  | 19,001  | 28,047               | 40,387                    | (d) 67,657         | 8,178,696                    |
| 1950-51                   | ..   | 19,211     | 48,114  | 19,896  | 28,218               | 33,244                    | (d) 60,770         | 8,421,775                    |
| 1951-52                   | ..   | 18,896     | 49,228  | 20,661  | 28,567               | 25,720                    | (d) 53,671         | 8,636,458                    |
| 1952-53                   | ..   | 17,870     | 50,739  | 20,023  | 30,716               | 14,516                    | (d) 44,726         | 8,815,362                    |
| 1953-54                   | ..   | 17,827     | 50,400  | 20,390  | 30,010               | 13,263                    | (d) 42,792         | e 8,986,530                  |
| 1954-55                   | ..   | 17,848     | 51,213  | 20,541  | 30,672               | 22,868                    | 53,540             | 9,200,691                    |
| 1955-56                   | ..   | 18,169     | 52,719  | 20,712  | 32,007               | 24,710                    | 56,717             | 9,427,558                    |
| 1956-57                   | ..   | 18,111     | 53,753  | 21,467  | 32,286               | 21,594                    | 53,880             | 9,643,079                    |
| 1957-58                   | ..   | 18,511     | 55,265  | 21,150  | 34,115               | 16,650                    | 50,765             | 9,846,140                    |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>   |      |            |         |         |                      |                           |                    |                              |
| 1954-55—                  |      |            |         |         |                      |                           |                    |                              |
| June                      | Qtr. | ..         | 18,924  | 51,600  | 20,723               | 30,877                    | 20,680             | 51,557                       |
| 1955-56—                  |      |            |         |         |                      |                           |                    |                              |
| September                 | ..   | 15,449     | 53,714  | 24,209  | 29,505               | 25,853                    | 55,358             | 9,256,049                    |
| December                  | ..   | 20,094     | 51,045  | 19,424  | 31,621               | 25,621                    | 57,242             | 9,313,291                    |
| March                     | ..   | 18,680     | 52,614  | 18,073  | 34,541               | 29,421                    | 63,962             | 9,377,253                    |
| June                      | ..   | 18,453     | 53,502  | 21,140  | 32,362               | 17,943                    | 50,305             | 9,427,558                    |
| 1956-57—                  |      |            |         |         |                      |                           |                    |                              |
| September                 | ..   | 15,328     | 53,698  | 26,511  | 27,187               | 24,446                    | 51,633             | 9,479,191                    |
| December                  | ..   | 19,319     | 52,319  | 20,364  | 31,955               | 22,188                    | 54,143             | 9,533,334                    |
| March                     | ..   | 18,825     | 55,546  | 18,641  | 36,905               | 21,198                    | 58,103             | 9,591,437                    |
| June                      | ..   | 18,971     | 53,450  | 20,353  | 33,097               | 18,545                    | 51,642             | 9,643,079                    |
| 1957-58—                  |      |            |         |         |                      |                           |                    |                              |
| September                 | ..   | 16,050     | 56,008  | 25,695  | 30,313               | 16,547                    | 46,860             | 9,689,939                    |
| December                  | ..   | 19,850     | 55,354  | 20,264  | 35,090               | 22,442                    | 57,532             | 9,747,471                    |
| March                     | ..   | 18,459     | 55,777  | 18,223  | 37,554               | 16,210                    | 53,764             | 9,801,235                    |
| June                      | ..   | 19,686     | 53,921  | 20,418  | 33,503               | 11,402                    | 44,905             | 9,846,140                    |

(a) Excess of births over deaths. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. (c) Includes natural increase and net oversea migration. (d) Includes adjustments of population between July, 1933 and June, 1954, on the basis of Census results. (e) Census 30th June.

## POPULATION: STATES.

NOTE.—For dates subsequent to the Census of 30th June, 1954, the estimated population in each State represents the population ascertained at the Census, plus natural increase and recorded net migration into the State since the Census. As complete records of interstate migration are not available, the estimated State populations so derived are approximate, and are subject to revision when the actual population of each State is ascertained at the next Census. For some States such revisions were substantial after the Census of 1954.

| Date              | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queens-land. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tas-mania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| <b>30th June—</b> |                  |           |              |                  |                    |            |                     |                               |            |
| 1948              | ..               | 3,015,763 | 2,092,320    | 1,131,200        | 661,153            | 515,074    | 261,206             | 12,254                        | 19,791     |
| 1949              | ..               | 3,092,621 | 2,142,986    | 1,159,124        | 679,305            | 532,191    | 267,062             | 13,391                        | 21,386     |
| 1950              | ..               | 3,193,372 | 2,208,078    | 1,196,185        | 709,547            | 557,096    | 275,902             | 14,692                        | 23,824     |
| 1951              | ..               | 3,278,032 | 2,276,575    | 1,227,701        | 732,430            | 580,343    | 286,193             | 15,609                        | 24,892     |
| 1952              | ..               | 3,339,455 | 2,344,491    | 1,259,478        | 755,053            | 599,858    | 296,299             | 15,464                        | 26,360     |
| 1953              | ..               | 3,383,792 | 2,395,254    | 1,291,410        | 775,781            | 620,547    | 304,080             | 15,853                        | 28,645     |
| 1954(a)           | ..               | 3,423,529 | 2,452,341    | 1,318,259        | 797,094            | 639,771    | 308,752             | 16,469                        | 30,315     |
| 1955              | ..               | 3,490,331 | 2,523,018    | 1,344,572        | 819,549            | 658,538    | 314,679             | 17,580                        | b 32,424   |
| 1956              | ..               | 3,553,432 | 2,605,088    | 1,370,697        | 848,526            | 677,389    | 319,648             | 18,297                        | b 34,481   |
| 1957              | ..               | 3,622,906 | 2,673,498    | 1,396,740        | 873,123            | 691,882    | 327,895             | 19,170                        | c 37,865   |
| 1958              | ..               | 3,689,175 | 2,741,397    | 1,417,404        | 896,750            | 705,250    | 335,418             | 19,579                        | 41,167     |

(a) Census. (b) Revised estimates based on the results of the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra are as follows:—  
1955, 32,750; 1956, 35,135. (c) Estimate based on the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra.

## OVERSEA ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

" Long term and permanent movement " relates to persons other than Australian troops who state they intend to reside for a period of one year or more—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. " Short term movement " relates to persons who intend residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops from July, 1947 onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

| Period.                 | Short Term Movement.  |            |                         |            | Long Term and Permanent Movement. |             |                     |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
|                         | Australian Residents. |            | Visitors from Overseas. |            | Arrivals.                         | Departures. | Excess of Arrivals. |
|                         | Returning.            | Departing. | Arriving.               | Departing. |                                   |             |                     |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                       |            |                         |            |                                   |             |                     |
| 1948-49 .. ..           | 2,007                 | 1,898      | 2,829                   | 2,566      | 9,568                             | 1,511       | 8,057               |
| 1949-50 .. ..           | 2,336                 | 2,500      | 3,470                   | 3,644      | 15,407                            | 1,608       | 13,799              |
| 1950-51 .. ..           | 2,812                 | 2,617      | 3,594                   | 3,753      | 12,774                            | 1,729       | 11,045              |
| 1951-52 .. ..           | 3,251                 | 3,233      | 3,895                   | 4,085      | 10,872                            | 2,126       | 8,746               |
| 1952-53 .. ..           | 3,351                 | 3,427      | 3,838                   | 4,198      | 7,991                             | 2,717       | 5,274               |
| 1953-54 .. ..           | 3,648                 | 3,556      | 3,953                   | 3,906      | 7,206                             | 2,924       | 4,282               |
| 1954-55 .. ..           | 4,107                 | 4,013      | 4,277                   | 4,220      | 10,348                            | 2,877       | 7,471               |
| 1955-56 .. ..           | 4,719                 | 4,469      | 4,608                   | 4,515      | 11,052                            | 3,159       | 7,893               |
| 1956-57 .. ..           | 4,604                 | 4,162      | 5,532                   | 5,617      | 10,050                            | 3,209       | 6,841               |
| 1957-58 .. ..           | 4,844                 | 4,714      | 4,922                   | 4,964      | 8,998                             | 3,536       | 5,462               |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                       |            |                         |            |                                   |             |                     |
| 1956-57—                |                       |            |                         |            |                                   |             |                     |
| August .. ..            | 4,899                 | 3,167      | 4,068                   | 4,000      | 11,353                            | 2,858       | 8,495               |
| September .. ..         | 5,634                 | 2,568      | 4,516                   | 3,703      | 7,917                             | 2,899       | 5,018               |
| October .. ..           | 5,291                 | 2,761      | 5,246                   | 4,535      | 7,749                             | 3,098       | 4,651               |
| November .. ..          | 5,540                 | 4,462      | 14,286                  | 6,080      | 11,063                            | 3,372       | 7,691               |
| December .. ..          | 5,533                 | 4,079      | 5,603                   | 13,526     | 6,219                             | 2,429       | 3,790               |
| January .. ..           | 5,347                 | 4,437      | 5,333                   | 6,432      | 10,731                            | 4,143       | 6,588               |
| February .. ..          | 4,787                 | 5,010      | 5,557                   | 5,639      | 11,577                            | 3,740       | 7,837               |
| March .. ..             | 4,203                 | 5,007      | 5,674                   | 5,315      | 10,601                            | 2,889       | 7,712               |
| April .. ..             | 3,853                 | 6,206      | 4,311                   | 5,443      | 7,409                             | 3,192       | 4,217               |
| May .. ..               | 3,870                 | 5,792      | 4,530                   | 5,626      | 15,378                            | 4,881       | 10,497              |
| June .. ..              | 3,331                 | 3,545      | 3,815                   | 3,738      | 13,053                            | 2,582       | 10,471              |
| 1957-58—                |                       |            |                         |            |                                   |             |                     |
| July .. ..              | 3,901                 | 3,531      | 3,728                   | 3,949      | 6,310                             | 3,040       | 3,270               |
| August .. ..            | 4,424                 | 3,531      | 4,423                   | 4,118      | 7,811                             | 3,333       | 4,478               |
| September .. ..         | 5,028                 | 3,875      | 4,394                   | 4,045      | 8,589                             | 2,639       | 5,950               |
| October .. ..           | 6,142                 | 3,156      | 4,926                   | 4,265      | 9,823                             | 3,659       | 6,164               |
| November .. ..          | 5,866                 | 3,811      | 5,135                   | 6,260      | 9,679                             | 4,154       | 5,525               |
| December .. ..          | 5,265                 | 5,537      | 6,790                   | 5,255      | 7,734                             | 2,821       | 4,913               |
| January .. ..           | 5,641                 | 4,868      | 5,183                   | 6,054      | 12,617                            | 4,510       | 8,107               |
| February .. ..          | 4,555                 | 4,381      | 5,371                   | 5,052      | 6,480                             | 2,698       | 3,782               |
| March .. ..             | 5,264                 | 6,488      | 5,995                   | 5,993      | 8,852                             | 3,704       | 5,148               |
| April .. ..             | 4,280                 | 7,442      | 5,196                   | 5,621      | 11,743                            | 4,795       | 6,948               |
| May .. ..               | 4,008                 | 5,585      | 4,395                   | 4,971      | 7,424                             | 3,297       | 4,127               |
| June .. ..              | 3,752                 | 4,368      | 3,527                   | 3,983      | 10,916                            | 3,777       | 7,139               |
| 1958-59—                |                       |            |                         |            |                                   |             |                     |
| July p .. ..            | 4,408                 | 3,916      | 4,043                   | 3,858      | 7,794                             | 2,883       | 4,911               |
| August p .. ..          | 5,037                 | 4,003      | 4,337                   | 4,742      | 7,372                             | 4,193       | 3,179               |

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)

('000.)

| Month.    | Total Civilian Employees.<br>(Excluding Rural and Female<br>Private Domestic.) |                              |           | Total Civilian Employees in Main Industrial Groups. |                        |   |   |                  |   |       |
|-----------|--|------------------------------|-----------|---|------------------------|---|---|------------------|---|-------|
|           | Governmental<br>Authori-<br>ties.(b)   | Private<br>Employers.<br>(c) | Total.(c) | Mining<br>and<br>Quarry-<br>ing.                    | Fact-<br>ories.<br>(c) | Build-<br>ing and<br>Con-<br>struction. | Transport<br>and<br>Communi-<br>cation. | Retail<br>Trade. | Other<br>Com-<br>merce<br>and<br>Finance. |       |
| MALES.    |  |                              |           |   |                        |   |   |                  |   |       |
| 1939—July | ..   | 349.8                        | 943.3     | 1,293.1   | 52.2                   | 391.5                                   | 149.7                                   | 185.9            | 259.7                                     | 133.6 |
| 1956—June | ..   | 604.9                        | 1,476.8   | 2,081.7   | 57.3                   | 778.0                                   | 214.6                                   | 310.4            | 129.9                                     | 212.7 |
| 1957—June | ..   | 609.5                        | 1,475.2   | 2,084.7   | 56.3                   | 780.6                                   | 207.3                                   | 313.0            | 129.4                                     | 214.0 |
| 1958—June | ..   | 621.8                        | 1,472.1   | 2,093.9   | 51.6                   | 788.1                                   | 202.3                                   | 311.8            | 132.5                                     | 216.3 |
| 1957—June | ..   | 609.5                        | 1,475.2   | 2,084.7   | 56.3                   | 780.6                                   | 207.3                                   | 313.0            | 129.4                                     | 214.0 |
| July      | ..   | 609.6                        | 1,470.9   | 2,080.5   | 56.1                   | 779.3                                   | 206.7                                   | 312.0            | 129.6                                     | 212.6 |
| August    | ..   | 608.1                        | 1,468.3   | 2,076.4   | 55.1                   | 778.2                                   | 204.4                                   | 311.1            | 129.5                                     | 213.4 |
| September | ..   | 607.9                        | 1,472.2   | 2,080.1   | 54.5                   | 780.9                                   | 203.4                                   | 310.5            | 130.0                                     | 215.4 |
| 1958—June | ..   | 621.8                        | 1,472.1   | 2,093.9   | 51.6                   | 788.1                                   | 202.3                                   | 311.8            | 132.5                                     | 216.3 |
| July      | ..   | 621.7                        | 1,468.9   | 2,090.6   | 51.5                   | 787.3                                   | 201.1                                   | 311.5            | 132.3                                     | 215.2 |
| August    | ..   | 620.6                        | 1,466.5   | 2,087.1   | 51.5                   | 785.6                                   | 199.9                                   | 310.4            | 132.0                                     | 216.2 |
| September | ..   | 620.7                        | 1,467.9   | 2,088.6   | 50.9                   | 786.4                                   | 199.2                                   | 310.1            | 132.6                                     | 217.4 |
| FEMALES.  |  |                              |           |   |                        |   |   |                  |   |       |
| 1939—July | ..   | 55.2                         | 381.9     | 437.1   | 0.3                    | 148.2                                   | 1.2                                     | 12.6             | 114.9                                     | 129.0 |
| 1956—June | ..   | 129.8                        | 643.3     | 773.1   | 1.2                    | 242.5                                   | 5.1                                     | 40.1             | 122.9                                     | 88.1  |
| 1957—June | ..   | 132.8                        | 647.4     | 780.2   | 1.2                    | 243.4                                   | 5.3                                     | 40.1             | 121.3                                     | 90.3  |
| 1958—June | ..   | 136.6                        | 656.0     | 792.6   | 1.1                    | 244.6                                   | 5.5                                     | 39.9             | 125.4                                     | 92.3  |
| 1957—June | ..   | 132.8                        | 647.4     | 780.2   | 1.2                    | 243.4                                   | 5.3                                     | 40.1             | 121.3                                     | 90.3  |
| July      | ..   | 133.7                        | 646.0     | 779.7   | 1.2                    | 242.5                                   | 5.3                                     | 40.1             | 121.3                                     | 90.1  |
| August    | ..   | 133.6                        | 646.5     | 780.1   | 1.2                    | 242.7                                   | 5.3                                     | 40.0             | 121.0                                     | 90.1  |
| September | ..   | 133.2                        | 649.3     | 782.5   | 1.2                    | 243.5                                   | 5.3                                     | 40.0             | 122.1                                     | 90.3  |
| 1958—June | ..   | 136.6                        | 656.0     | 792.6   | 1.1                    | 244.6                                   | 5.5                                     | 39.9             | 125.4                                     | 92.3  |
| July      | ..   | 137.7                        | 655.5     | 793.2   | 1.1                    | 243.8                                   | 5.5                                     | 39.8             | 125.3                                     | 92.2  |
| August    | ..   | 137.5                        | 655.7     | 793.2   | 1.1                    | 243.8                                   | 5.5                                     | 39.9             | 124.7                                     | 92.2  |
| September | ..   | 137.6                        | 656.6     | 794.2   | 1.1                    | 244.1                                   | 5.5                                     | 39.9             | 125.2                                     | 92.2  |
| PERSONS.  |  |                              |           |   |                        |   |   |                  |   |       |
| 1939—July | ..   | 405.0                        | 1,325.2   | 1,730.2   | 52.5                   | 539.7                                   | 150.9                                   | 198.5            | 374.6                                     | 262.6 |
| 1956—June | ..   | 734.7                        | 2,120.1   | 2,854.8   | 58.5                   | 1,020.5                                 | 219.7                                   | 350.5            | 252.8                                     | 300.8 |
| 1957—June | ..   | 742.3                        | 2,122.6   | 2,864.9   | 57.5                   | 1,024.0                                 | 212.6                                   | 353.1            | 250.7                                     | 304.3 |
| 1958—June | ..   | 758.4                        | 2,128.1   | 2,886.5   | 52.7                   | 1,032.7                                 | 207.8                                   | 351.7            | 257.9                                     | 308.6 |
| 1957—June | ..   | 742.3                        | 2,122.6   | 2,864.9   | 57.5                   | 1,024.0                                 | 212.6                                   | 353.1            | 250.7                                     | 304.3 |
| July      | ..   | 743.3                        | 2,116.9   | 2,860.2   | 57.3                   | 1,021.8                                 | 212.0                                   | 352.1            | 250.9                                     | 302.7 |
| August    | ..   | 741.7                        | 2,114.8   | 2,856.5   | 56.3                   | 1,020.9                                 | 209.7                                   | 351.1            | 250.5                                     | 303.5 |
| September | ..   | 741.1                        | 2,121.5   | 2,862.6   | 55.7                   | 1,024.4                                 | 208.7                                   | 350.5            | 252.1                                     | 305.7 |
| 1958—June | ..   | 758.4                        | 2,128.1   | 2,886.5   | 52.7                   | 1,032.7                                 | 207.8                                   | 351.7            | 257.9                                     | 308.6 |
| July      | ..   | 759.4                        | 2,124.4   | 2,883.8   | 52.6                   | 1,031.1                                 | 206.6                                   | 351.3            | 257.6                                     | 307.4 |
| August    | ..   | 758.1                        | 2,122.2   | 2,880.3   | 52.6                   | 1,029.4                                 | 205.4                                   | 350.3            | 256.7                                     | 308.4 |
| September | ..   | 758.3                        | 2,124.5   | 2,882.8   | 52.0                   | 1,030.5                                 | 204.7                                   | 350.0            | 257.8                                     | 309.6 |

(a) Excludes Defence Forces, at home or abroad, and National Service Trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. Figures from June, 1956, subject to revision. (b) Includes all employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia. (c) New series from June, 1956. See note (b), page 8. (d) Includes education, health, hotels and restaurants, other professional and personal services (except female private domestic).

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)(b)

(000.)

| Month. |  | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queens-land. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. |
|--------|--|------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
|--------|--|------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|

## MALES.

|           |    |       |       |       |       |       |      |     |      |         |
|-----------|----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-----|------|---------|
| 1939—July | .. | 529.9 | 357.5 | 172.8 | 106.7 | 82.9  | 37.4 | 2.1 | 3.8  | 1,293.1 |
| 1956—June | .. | 808.5 | 583.2 | 282.4 | 187.9 | 140.5 | 65.7 | 5.0 | 8.5  | 2,081.7 |
| 1957—June | .. | 810.1 | 585.8 | 283.6 | 186.4 | 138.4 | 66.0 | 5.5 | 8.9  | 2,084.7 |
| 1958—June | .. | 812.4 | 592.6 | 282.3 | 186.2 | 138.6 | 66.7 | 5.4 | 9.7  | 2,093.9 |
| 1957—May  | .. | 810.1 | 585.7 | 282.4 | 187.0 | 138.9 | 66.5 | 5.5 | 8.8  | 2,084.9 |
| June      | .. | 810.1 | 585.8 | 283.6 | 186.4 | 138.4 | 66.0 | 5.5 | 8.9  | 2,084.7 |
| July      | .. | 809.0 | 585.1 | 282.8 | 185.5 | 138.0 | 65.6 | 5.5 | 9.0  | 2,080.5 |
| August    | .. | 806.6 | 584.3 | 281.8 | 185.7 | 138.1 | 65.3 | 5.5 | 9.1  | 2,076.4 |
| September | .. | 809.3 | 585.4 | 281.0 | 185.9 | 138.4 | 65.3 | 5.5 | 9.3  | 2,080.1 |
| 1958—May  | .. | 813.2 | 593.7 | 280.5 | 185.7 | 138.7 | 67.1 | 5.3 | 9.7  | 2,093.9 |
| June      | .. | 812.4 | 592.6 | 282.3 | 186.2 | 138.6 | 66.7 | 5.4 | 9.7  | 2,093.9 |
| July      | .. | 811.0 | 591.4 | 282.8 | 186.0 | 138.0 | 66.4 | 5.3 | 9.7  | 2,090.6 |
| August    | .. | 809.7 | 590.1 | 282.0 | 185.8 | 138.3 | 66.0 | 5.3 | 9.9  | 2,087.1 |
| September | .. | 809.0 | 591.1 | 282.3 | 186.2 | 138.8 | 65.8 | 5.4 | 10.0 | 2,088.6 |

## FEMALES.

|           |    |       |       |      |      |      |      |     |     |       |
|-----------|----|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-------|
| 1939—July | .. | 168.0 | 142.9 | 53.2 | 34.0 | 26.2 | 11.6 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 437.1 |
| 1956—June | .. | 305.9 | 238.5 | 93.7 | 62.5 | 45.1 | 23.2 | 1.1 | 3.1 | 773.1 |
| 1957—June | .. | 309.3 | 240.8 | 96.0 | 62.3 | 44.5 | 22.9 | 1.2 | 3.2 | 780.2 |
| 1958—June | .. | 315.2 | 243.7 | 96.1 | 63.6 | 45.8 | 23.6 | 1.2 | 3.4 | 792.6 |
| 1957—May  | .. | 309.8 | 241.6 | 95.8 | 62.5 | 45.1 | 23.3 | 1.1 | 3.2 | 782.4 |
| June      | .. | 309.3 | 240.8 | 96.0 | 62.3 | 44.5 | 22.9 | 1.2 | 3.2 | 780.2 |
| July      | .. | 309.1 | 240.4 | 95.9 | 62.5 | 44.8 | 22.6 | 1.2 | 3.2 | 779.7 |
| August    | .. | 309.8 | 239.7 | 96.3 | 62.4 | 44.9 | 22.6 | 1.2 | 3.2 | 780.1 |
| September | .. | 311.9 | 239.5 | 96.3 | 62.8 | 45.2 | 22.3 | 1.2 | 3.3 | 782.5 |
| 1958—May  | .. | 316.4 | 245.0 | 95.8 | 63.5 | 45.9 | 23.6 | 1.2 | 3.4 | 794.8 |
| June      | .. | 315.2 | 243.7 | 96.1 | 63.6 | 45.8 | 23.6 | 1.2 | 3.4 | 792.6 |
| July      | .. | 315.7 | 243.7 | 96.5 | 63.6 | 45.8 | 23.2 | 1.3 | 3.4 | 793.2 |
| August    | .. | 315.4 | 243.5 | 97.4 | 63.5 | 46.1 | 22.6 | 1.3 | 3.4 | 793.2 |
| September | .. | 315.9 | 244.1 | 96.9 | 63.8 | 46.4 | 22.3 | 1.4 | 3.4 | 794.2 |

## PERSONS.

|           |    |         |       |       |       |       |      |     |      |         |
|-----------|----|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-----|------|---------|
| 1939—July | .. | 697.9   | 500.4 | 226.0 | 140.7 | 109.1 | 49.0 | 2.3 | 4.8  | 1,730.2 |
| 1956—June | .. | 1,114.4 | 821.7 | 376.1 | 250.4 | 185.6 | 88.9 | 6.1 | 11.6 | 2,854.8 |
| 1957—June | .. | 1,119.4 | 826.6 | 379.6 | 248.7 | 182.9 | 88.9 | 6.7 | 12.1 | 2,864.9 |
| 1958—June | .. | 1,127.6 | 836.3 | 378.4 | 249.8 | 184.4 | 90.3 | 6.6 | 13.1 | 2,886.5 |
| 1957—May  | .. | 1,119.9 | 827.3 | 378.2 | 249.5 | 184.0 | 89.8 | 6.6 | 12.0 | 2,867.3 |
| June      | .. | 1,119.4 | 826.6 | 379.6 | 248.7 | 182.9 | 88.9 | 6.7 | 12.1 | 2,864.9 |
| July      | .. | 1,118.1 | 825.5 | 378.7 | 248.0 | 182.8 | 88.2 | 6.7 | 12.2 | 2,860.2 |
| August    | .. | 1,116.4 | 824.0 | 378.1 | 248.1 | 183.0 | 87.9 | 6.7 | 12.3 | 2,856.5 |
| September | .. | 1,121.2 | 824.9 | 377.3 | 248.7 | 183.6 | 87.6 | 6.7 | 12.6 | 2,862.6 |
| 1958—May  | .. | 1,129.6 | 838.7 | 376.3 | 249.2 | 184.6 | 90.7 | 6.5 | 13.1 | 2,888.7 |
| June      | .. | 1,127.6 | 836.3 | 378.4 | 249.8 | 184.4 | 90.3 | 6.6 | 13.1 | 2,886.5 |
| July      | .. | 1,126.7 | 835.1 | 379.3 | 249.6 | 183.8 | 89.6 | 6.6 | 13.1 | 2,883.8 |
| August    | .. | 1,125.1 | 833.6 | 379.4 | 249.3 | 184.4 | 88.6 | 6.6 | 13.3 | 2,880.3 |
| September | .. | 1,124.9 | 835.2 | 379.2 | 250.0 | 185.2 | 88.1 | 6.8 | 13.4 | 2,882.8 |

(a) Excludes Rural, Female Private Domestic, Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp. June, 1956. See note (b), page 8. See also notes on page 6.

(b) New series from

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)(b)

| Period.                                    | New<br>South<br>Wales. | Vic-<br>to-<br>ria. | Queens-<br>land. | South<br>Aus-<br>tralia. | Western<br>Aus-<br>tralia. | Tas-<br>mania. | Australia. |          |          | Index—Av. 3 years<br>ended June, 1939<br>= 1,000. |  |
|--|------------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|------------|----------|----------|---|--|
|  |                        |                     |                  |                          |                            |                | Males.     | Females. | Persons. | Un-<br>adjusted.                                  | Divided<br>by Index<br>of Total<br>Population. |
| <b>Average of<br/>Monthly<br/>Figures—</b> | '000.                  | '000.               | '000.            | '000.                    | '000.                      | '000.          | '000.      | '000.    | '000.    |   |  |
| 1936-37 ..                                 | 197.8                  | 183.0               | 45.9             | 39.3                     | 21.4                       | 11.8           | 359.6      | 139.6    | 499.2    | 950   | 959  |
| 1937-38 ..                                 | 215.6                  | 193.6               | 49.6             | 42.6                     | 22.0                       | 12.5           | 387.7      | 148.2    | 535.9    | 1,019   | 1,019  |
| 1938-39 ..                                 | 219.5                  | 193.9               | 51.5             | 42.0                     | 22.1                       | 13.2           | 391.8      | 150.4    | 542.2    | 1,031   | 1,022  |
| 1950-51 ..                                 | 392.2                  | 304.0               | 90.2             | 80.7                     | 41.5                       | 22.8           | 693.0      | 238.4    | 931.4    | 1,772   | 1,466  |
| 1951-52 ..                                 | 391.5                  | 310.9               | 90.0             | 81.5                     | 42.7                       | 23.0           | 707.9      | 231.7    | 939.6    | 1,787   | 1,440  |
| 1952-53 ..                                 | 364.6                  | 297.0               | 88.4             | 77.8                     | 42.7                       | 22.4           | 687.6      | 205.3    | 892.9    | 1,698   | 1,336  |
| 1953-54 ..                                 | 386.3                  | 317.3               | 93.0             | 82.7                     | 44.9                       | 23.4           | 721.6      | 226.0    | 947.6    | 1,802   | 1,392  |
| 1954-55 ..                                 | 403.0                  | 332.6               | 95.4             | 86.6                     | 46.8                       | 24.4           | 751.4      | 237.4    | 988.8    | 1,881   | 1,422  |
| 1955-56 ..                                 | 417.0                  | 341.3               | 97.2             | 89.9                     | 47.5                       | 26.0           | 775.4      | 243.5    | 1,018.9  | 1,938   | 1,429  |
| 1956-57 ..                                 | 419.7                  | 340.9               | 99.4             | 89.2                     | 46.1                       | 26.6           | 777.0      | 244.9    | 1,021.9  | 1,944   | 1,401  |
| 1957-58 ..                                 | 427.6                  | 343.1               | 97.5             | 89.2                     | 45.9                       | 26.5           | 784.0      | 245.8    | 1,029.8  | 1,959   | 1,381  |
| <b>At end of<br/>Month—</b>                |                        |                     |                  |                          |                            |                |            |          |          |   |  |
| 1956-57—                                   |                        |                     |                  |                          |                            |                |            |          |          |   |  |
| September ..                               | 416.9                  | 338.7               | 101.3            | 88.6                     | 46.1                       | 26.0           | 773.9      | 243.7    | 1,017.6  | 1,936   | 1,403  |
| October ..                                 | 419.2                  | 340.0               | 100.9            | 88.4                     | 46.1                       | 26.0           | 774.9      | 245.7    | 1,020.6  | 1,941   | 1,404  |
| November ..                                | 420.3                  | 341.2               | 101.1            | 88.5                     | 46.0                       | 26.1           | 777.6      | 245.6    | 1,023.2  | 1,946   | 1,405  |
| December ..                                | 418.2                  | 339.3               | 96.9             | 88.7                     | 45.9                       | 26.6           | 772.9      | 242.7    | 1,015.6  | 1,932   | 1,392  |
| January ..                                 | 419.5                  | 338.8               | 94.5             | 91.4                     | 46.0                       | 27.5           | 774.0      | 243.7    | 1,017.7  | 1,936   | 1,393  |
| February ..                                | 422.4                  | 343.9               | 98.3             | 90.8                     | 46.5                       | 27.0           | 780.1      | 248.8    | 1,028.9  | 1,957   | 1,405  |
| March ..                                   | 423.7                  | 346.0               | 99.0             | 90.3                     | 46.8                       | 26.8           | 781.4      | 251.2    | 1,032.6  | 1,964   | 1,407  |
| April ..                                   | 421.5                  | 342.5               | 97.8             | 89.2                     | 46.3                       | 26.7           | 777.7      | 246.3    | 1,024.0  | 1,948   | 1,393  |
| May ..                                     | 422.3                  | 341.3               | 99.5             | 88.5                     | 46.3                       | 26.8           | 780.2      | 244.5    | 1,024.7  | 1,949   | 1,391  |
| June ..                                    | 422.1                  | 340.3               | 101.1            | 88.3                     | 45.8                       | 26.4           | 780.6      | 243.4    | 1,024.0  | 1,948   | 1,387  |
| 1957-58—                                   |                        |                     |                  |                          |                            |                |            |          |          |   |  |
| July ..                                    | 421.6                  | 339.4               | 101.0            | 88.1                     | 45.6                       | 26.1           | 779.3      | 242.5    | 1,021.8  | 1,944   | 1,383  |
| August ..                                  | 421.4                  | 339.1               | 100.6            | 88.3                     | 45.6                       | 25.9           | 778.2      | 242.7    | 1,020.9  | 1,942   | 1,379  |
| September ..                               | 424.3                  | 339.6               | 100.1            | 88.8                     | 46.0                       | 25.6           | 780.9      | 243.5    | 1,024.4  | 1,948   | 1,382  |
| October ..                                 | 426.3                  | 341.8               | 99.3             | 88.8                     | 46.1                       | 25.6           | 782.6      | 245.3    | 1,027.9  | 1,955   | 1,384  |
| November ..                                | 428.4                  | 342.8               | 96.7             | 88.5                     | 46.3                       | 25.7           | 782.8      | 245.6    | 1,028.4  | 1,956   | 1,381  |
| December ..                                | 427.5                  | 341.7               | 92.9             | 89.0                     | 46.1                       | 26.7           | 779.9      | 244.0    | 1,023.9  | 1,948   | 1,373  |
| January ..                                 | 427.3                  | 344.8               | 93.6             | 90.5                     | 46.1                       | 27.3           | 784.2      | 245.4    | 1,029.6  | 1,958   | 1,378  |
| February ..                                | 430.5                  | 347.6               | 95.9             | 89.9                     | 46.0                       | 26.8           | 787.1      | 249.6    | 1,036.7  | 1,972   | 1,385  |
| March ..                                   | 431.8                  | 349.5               | 96.6             | 90.5                     | 46.0                       | 26.8           | 789.4      | 251.8    | 1,041.2  | 1,981   | 1,388  |
| April ..                                   | 431.5                  | 345.7               | 96.2             | 89.6                     | 45.6                       | 27.2           | 787.8      | 248.0    | 1,035.8  | 1,970   | 1,378  |
| May ..                                     | 430.9                  | 343.6               | 97.7             | 88.9                     | 45.6                       | 27.2           | 787.8      | 246.1    | 1,033.9  | 1,966   | 1,373  |
| June ..                                    | 430.1                  | 341.7               | 99.1             | 89.3                     | 45.4                       | 27.1           | 788.1      | 244.6    | 1,032.7  | 1,964   | 1,370  |
| 1958-59—                                   |                        |                     |                  |                          |                            |                |            |          |          |   |  |
| July ..                                    | 430.0                  | 340.6               | 99.8             | 89.2                     | 44.8                       | 26.7           | 787.3      | 243.8    | 1,031.1  | 1,961   | 1,365  |
| August ..                                  | 429.7                  | 340.0               | 100.0            | 88.9                     | 44.8                       | 26.0           | 785.6      | 243.8    | 1,029.4  | 1,958   | 1,360  |
| September ..                               | 429.9                  | 341.3               | 99.8             | 89.1                     | 44.8                       | 25.6           | 786.4      | 244.1    | 1,030.5  | 1,960   | 1,361  |

(a) Excludes National Service Trainees in camp.  
 (b) Since issue No. 246 the old series of estimated employment in factories has been replaced, commencing with 1950-51, by a series showing actual monthly employment in factories as recorded at successive annual Censuses of Factories to June, 1957, with interim estimates for subsequent months. Adoption of this new series entails adopting also new series for "Total Private Employment" and "Total Employment" for males, females and persons on pages 6 and 7.

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

('000.)

| Period.                            | New<br>South<br>Wales. | Victoria. | Queens-<br>land. | South<br>Australia. | Western<br>Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia.(b) |          |          |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------|----------|----------|
|                                    |                        |           |                  |                     |                       |           | Males.        | Females. | Persons. |
| <b>Average of Monthly Figures—</b> |                        |           |                  |                     |                       |           |               |          |          |
| 1951-52..                          | ..                     | 95.9      | 68.6             | 31.3                | 23.6                  | 18.4      | 7.3           | 128.0    | 117.7    |
| 1952-53..                          | ..                     | 90.1      | 66.1             | 30.0                | 22.4                  | 18.1      | 7.2           | 124.2    | 110.4    |
| 1953-54..                          | ..                     | 93.0      | 67.5             | 30.6                | 23.1                  | 19.0      | 7.5           | 127.2    | 114.0    |
| 1954-55..                          | ..                     | 96.3      | 69.9             | 31.2                | 24.2                  | 19.6      | 7.7           | 129.7    | 119.8    |
| 1955-56..                          | ..                     | 97.7      | 71.4             | 31.7                | 25.3                  | 19.8      | 8.0           | 130.5    | 124.2    |
| 1956-57..                          | ..                     | 96.3      | 71.2             | 32.0                | 24.8                  | 19.7      | 7.9           | 130.0    | 122.7    |
| 1957-58..                          | ..                     | 98.9      | 72.5             | 32.5                | 24.7                  | 20.0      | 7.8           | 132.2    | 125.0    |
| <b>At end of Month—</b>            |                        |           |                  |                     |                       |           |               |          |          |
| 1956-57—                           |                        |           |                  |                     |                       |           |               |          |          |
| September                          | ..                     | 94.9      | 70.8             | 31.5                | 24.8                  | 19.4      | 7.7           | 128.7    | 121.1    |
| October                            | ..                     | 95.3      | 71.2             | 31.9                | 24.9                  | 19.6      | 7.8           | 129.2    | 122.2    |
| November                           | ..                     | 99.1      | 72.9             | 32.7                | 25.2                  | 19.7      | 7.9           | 131.9    | 126.5    |
| December                           | ..                     | 103.5     | 73.8             | 32.9                | 25.1                  | 20.2      | 8.4           | 134.8    | 130.0    |
| January                            | ..                     | 96.1      | 71.1             | 32.1                | 25.0                  | 19.9      | 8.1           | 130.2    | 122.9    |
| February                           | ..                     | 95.3      | 70.9             | 31.9                | 24.7                  | 19.8      | 8.0           | 129.7    | 121.6    |
| March                              | ..                     | 95.2      | 70.5             | 31.6                | 24.6                  | 19.8      | 7.9           | 129.1    | 121.2    |
| April ..                           | ..                     | 94.7      | 70.5             | 31.6                | 24.6                  | 19.6      | 8.0           | 128.8    | 120.7    |
| May ..                             | ..                     | 95.5      | 70.7             | 32.1                | 24.4                  | 19.9      | 7.9           | 129.3    | 121.9    |
| June ..                            | ..                     | 95.0      | 70.7             | 32.2                | 24.4                  | 19.8      | 7.9           | 129.4    | 121.3    |
| 1957-58—                           |                        |           |                  |                     |                       |           |               |          |          |
| July ..                            | ..                     | 95.4      | 70.7             | 32.2                | 24.3                  | 19.8      | 7.8           | 129.6    | 121.3    |
| August ..                          | ..                     | 95.8      | 70.3             | 32.1                | 24.3                  | 19.5      | 7.7           | 129.5    | 121.0    |
| September ..                       | ..                     | 96.5      | 71.0             | 32.3                | 24.4                  | 19.6      | 7.7           | 130.0    | 122.1    |
| October ..                         | ..                     | 98.3      | 71.5             | 32.5                | 24.4                  | 19.6      | 7.6           | 130.8    | 123.9    |
| November ..                        | ..                     | 103.0     | 73.8             | 33.4                | 25.2                  | 20.1      | 7.8           | 134.0    | 129.9    |
| December ..                        | ..                     | 104.2     | 75.5             | 33.1                | 25.1                  | 20.6      | 8.1           | 136.2    | 131.2    |
| January ..                         | ..                     | 99.5      | 72.9             | 32.5                | 24.9                  | 20.3      | 7.8           | 133.1    | 125.5    |
| February ..                        | ..                     | 99.3      | 72.7             | 32.3                | 24.7                  | 20.1      | 7.8           | 133.2    | 124.6    |
| March ..                           | ..                     | 98.6      | 72.6             | 32.1                | 24.7                  | 20.1      | 7.7           | 132.4    | 124.2    |
| April ..                           | ..                     | 98.4      | 72.8             | 32.2                | 24.7                  | 20.1      | 7.7           | 132.3    | 124.4    |
| May ..                             | ..                     | 99.5      | 73.2             | 32.5                | 24.6                  | 20.4      | 7.7           | 133.0    | 125.8    |
| June ..                            | ..                     | 98.7      | 73.3             | 32.4                | 24.5                  | 20.3      | 7.7           | 132.5    | 125.4    |
| 1958-59—                           |                        |           |                  |                     |                       |           |               |          |          |
| July ..                            | ..                     | 98.9      | 73.2             | 32.3                | 24.4                  | 20.4      | 7.6           | 132.3    | 125.3    |
| August ..                          | ..                     | 98.2      | 73.1             | 32.2                | 24.4                  | 20.3      | 7.5           | 132.0    | 124.7    |
| September ..                       | ..                     | 98.4      | 73.6             | 32.3                | 24.6                  | 20.6      | 7.5           | 132.6    | 125.2    |

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Figures subject to revision. Excludes National Service Trainees in camp.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

# AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

(Revised Series.)

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 73 per cent. of the estimated number of civilian wage and salary earners in employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

| Period.  | New South Wales.(a) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia.(b) | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |
|--|---------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000).               |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| 1951-52 .. ..  | 14,778              | 10,171    | 4,391       | 3,051               | 2,231              | 1,075     | 35,697     |
| 1952-53 .. ..  | 15,422              | 10,816    | 4,868       | 3,357               | 2,492              | 1,199     | 38,154     |
| 1953-54 .. ..  | 16,480              | 11,767    | 5,227       | 3,615               | 2,754              | 1,305     | 41,148     |
| 1954-55 .. ..  | 17,970              | 12,901    | 5,601       | 3,940               | 2,928              | 1,399     | 44,739     |
| 1955-56 .. ..  | 19,764              | 14,144    | 6,033       | 4,330               | 3,104              | 1,521     | 48,896     |
| 1956-57 .. ..  | 20,923              | 14,913    | 6,466       | 4,499               | 3,174              | 1,631     | 51,606     |
| 1957-58 .. ..  | 21,620              | 15,487    | 6,582       | 4,622               | 3,282              | 1,661     | 53,254     |
| 1956-57—   |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| September Qtr. .. ..                                   | 20,343              | 14,633    | 6,408       | 4,471               | 3,206              | 1,556     | 50,617     |
| December .. ..   | 21,883              | 15,467    | 6,886       | 4,602               | 3,191              | 1,644     | 53,673     |
| March .. ..  | 20,124              | 14,269    | 6,048       | 4,335               | 3,086              | 1,615     | 49,477     |
| June .. ..   | 21,342              | 15,285    | 6,520       | 4,586               | 3,213              | 1,710     | 52,656     |
| 1957-58—   |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| September .. ..  | 21,236              | 15,149    | 6,594       | 4,607               | 3,317              | 1,569     | 52,472     |
| December .. ..   | 22,696              | 16,235    | 6,895       | 4,756               | 3,353              | 1,662     | 55,597     |
| March .. ..  | 20,598              | 14,755    | 6,086       | 4,465               | 3,111              | 1,641     | 50,656     |
| June .. ..   | 21,949              | 15,808    | 6,755       | 4,659               | 3,345              | 1,772     | 54,288     |
| 1958-59—   |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| September .. ..  | 22,133              | 15,890    | 7,002       | 4,753               | 3,404              | 1,647     | 54,829     |
| AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(c) |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| 1951-52 .. ..  | 14.74               | 14.48     | 12.60       | 13.63               | 13.32              | 13.29     | 14.13      |
| 1952-53 .. ..  | 15.96               | 15.71     | 14.17       | 15.17               | 14.69              | 14.80     | 15.45      |
| 1953-54 .. ..  | 16.69               | 16.64     | 14.98       | 15.87               | 15.59              | 15.78     | 16.26      |
| 1954-55 .. ..  | 17.64               | 17.59     | 15.58       | 16.83               | 16.11              | 16.54     | 17.13      |
| 1955-56 .. ..  | 18.92               | 18.78     | 16.49       | 17.88               | 16.92              | 17.75     | 18.28      |
| 1956-57 .. ..  | 19.88               | 19.69     | 17.47       | 18.27               | 17.47              | 18.76     | 19.15      |
| 1957-58 .. ..  | 20.44               | 20.21     | 17.91       | 18.67               | 18.04              | 18.93     | 19.66      |
| 1956-57—   |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| September Qtr. .. ..                                   | 19.42               | 19.44     | 17.20       | 18.25               | 17.64              | 18.09     | 18.85      |
| December .. ..   | 20.75               | 20.44     | 18.50       | 18.82               | 17.57              | 19.06     | 19.91      |
| March .. ..  | 19.08               | 18.78     | 16.49       | 17.51               | 16.97              | 18.39     | 18.33      |
| June .. ..   | 20.28               | 20.10     | 17.66       | 18.49               | 17.69              | 19.48     | 19.51      |
| 1957-58—   |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| September .. ..  | 20.18               | 19.96     | 17.80       | 18.65               | 18.34              | 18.19     | 19.46      |
| December .. ..   | 21.44               | 21.27     | 18.93       | 19.25               | 18.44              | 19.20     | 20.58      |
| March .. ..  | 19.43               | 19.14     | 16.73       | 18.00               | 17.08              | 18.56     | 18.67      |
| June .. ..   | 20.69               | 20.49     | 18.20       | 18.78               | 18.28              | 19.78     | 19.93      |
| 1958-59—   |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| September .. ..  | 20.91               | 20.67     | 18.67       | 19.16               | 18.65              | 18.71     | 20.15      |

(a) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes the Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civilian employment expressed in male units. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and, because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

For revised figures from September Quarter, 1947, see *Monthly Bulletin of Employment Statistics*, No. 203, October, 1958.

# UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS.(a)

## NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

| Period.                                    | Unemployment.          |           |                  |                     |                       |                |      |        |            | Sickness.  | Special.<br>(b) |
|--|------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------|------|--------|------------|------------|-----------------|
|  | New<br>South<br>Wales. | Victoria. | Queens-<br>land. | South<br>Australia. | Western<br>Australia. | Tas-<br>mania. | N.T. | A.C.T. | Australia. | Australia. | Australia.      |
| <b>Average of<br/>Monthly<br/>Figures—</b> |                        |           |                  |                     |                       |                |      |        |            |            |                 |
| 1948-49(c) ..                              | d 282                  | 32        | 1,094            | (e) 15              | 121                   | 31             | (f)  | (g)    | 1,575      | 7,614      | 591             |
| 1949-50(c) ..                              | d 8,327                | 123       | 1,371            | (e) 241             | 155                   | 30             | (f)  | (g)    | 10,247     | 7,585      | 897             |
| 1950-51(c) ..                              | d 287                  | 71        | 326              | (e) 6               | 59                    | 14             | (f)  | (g)    | 763        | 7,059      | 863             |
| 1951-52 ..                                 | d 949                  | 220       | 1,374            | (e) 24              | 64                    | 16             | (f)  | (g)    | 2,647      | 6,454      | 993             |
| 1952-53 ..                                 | d 17,590               | 6,168     | 4,281            | (e) 842             | 841                   | 262            | (f)  | (g)    | 29,984     | 7,140      | 1,408           |
| 1953-54 ..                                 | d 6,495                | 2,698     | 3,169            | (e) 252             | 406                   | 212            | (f)  | (g)    | 13,232     | 7,994      | 1,868           |
| 1954-55 ..                                 | 1,440                  | 538       | 1,408            | 66                  | 153                   | 81             | 1    | 3      | 3,690      | 7,984      | 1,983           |
| 1955-56 ..                                 | 1,362                  | 479       | 1,511            | 83                  | 515                   | 57             | 1    | 6      | 4,014      | 7,303      | 1,973           |
| 1956-57 ..                                 | 4,151                  | 3,349     | 2,343            | 702                 | 1,972                 | 134            | ..   | 15     | 12,666     | 6,992      | 2,012           |
| 1957-58 ..                                 | 8,706                  | 5,127     | 5,588            | 1,566               | 2,360                 | 512            | 9    | 32     | 23,900     | 7,314      | 2,107           |
| <b>Last Saturday<br/>of Month—</b>         |                        |           |                  |                     |                       |                |      |        |            |            |                 |
| <b>1956-57—</b>                            |                        |           |                  |                     |                       |                |      |        |            |            |                 |
| October ..                                 | 3,126                  | 3,067     | 829              | 640                 | 1,788                 | 88             | ..   | 7      | 9,545      | 7,261      | 1,986           |
| November ..                                | 3,308                  | 3,085     | 821              | 770                 | 1,666                 | 92             | 1    | 16     | 9,759      | 7,137      | 1,962           |
| December ..                                | 4,329                  | 3,593     | 2,118            | 978                 | 2,126                 | 97             | ..   | 36     | 13,277     | 6,520      | 1,967           |
| January ..                                 | 4,168                  | 3,493     | 4,083            | 702                 | 2,244                 | 88             | 1    | 23     | 14,802     | 6,515      | 2,053           |
| February ..                                | 4,327                  | 2,677     | 4,218            | 462                 | 1,930                 | 71             | ..   | 9      | 13,694     | 6,808      | 2,076           |
| March ..                                   | 4,311                  | 2,771     | 3,802            | 481                 | 1,607                 | 94             | ..   | 11     | 13,077     | 7,112      | 2,063           |
| April ..                                   | 5,230                  | 3,772     | 3,876            | 631                 | 1,804                 | 126            | ..   | 14     | 15,453     | 6,506      | 2,008           |
| May ..                                     | 5,378                  | 4,057     | 3,009            | 835                 | 1,803                 | 236            | ..   | 7      | 15,325     | 6,896      | 1,985           |
| June ..                                    | 6,230                  | 5,073     | 2,851            | 1,054               | 2,441                 | 410            | ..   | 12     | 18,071     | 6,845      | 1,971           |
| <b>1957-58—</b>                            |                        |           |                  |                     |                       |                |      |        |            |            |                 |
| July ..                                    | 7,318                  | 5,887     | 2,411            | 1,345               | 2,772                 | 543            | ..   | 15     | 20,291     | 6,813      | 1,970           |
| August ..                                  | 7,878                  | 5,618     | 2,216            | 1,320               | 2,458                 | 665            | ..   | 20     | 20,175     | 7,176      | 1,965           |
| September ..                               | 7,177                  | 5,271     | 2,458            | 1,233               | 2,120                 | 695            | 2    | 19     | 18,975     | 7,305      | 1,997           |
| October ..                                 | 6,446                  | 4,661     | 2,585            | 1,240               | 2,075                 | 662            | 2    | 17     | 17,688     | 7,309      | 2,050           |
| November ..                                | 7,005                  | 4,390     | 4,450            | 1,418               | 1,865                 | 594            | 2    | 24     | 19,748     | 7,343      | 2,097           |
| December ..                                | 8,900                  | 4,695     | 7,801            | 1,568               | 2,393                 | 591            | 2    | 55     | 26,005     | 6,815      | 2,150           |
| January ..                                 | 9,835                  | 4,974     | 9,357            | 1,518               | 2,596                 | 434            | 4    | 37     | 28,755     | 6,858      | 2,168           |
| February ..                                | 9,575                  | 4,085     | 9,431            | 1,425               | 2,257                 | 326            | 19   | 45     | 27,163     | 7,464      | 2,180           |
| March ..                                   | 8,673                  | 4,135     | 7,814            | 1,521               | 2,018                 | 243            | 33   | 48     | 24,485     | 7,299      | 2,153           |
| April ..                                   | 9,533                  | 5,006     | 7,831            | 1,873               | 2,214                 | 296            | 23   | 35     | 26,811     | 7,381      | 2,191           |
| May ..                                     | 10,465                 | 5,894     | 5,799            | 2,075               | 2,543                 | 459            | 10   | 37     | 27,282     | 7,970      | 2,216           |
| June ..                                    | 11,669                 | 6,899     | 4,905            | 2,258               | 3,005                 | 639            | 9    | 34     | 29,418     | 8,001      | 2,149           |
| <b>1958-59—</b>                            |                        |           |                  |                     |                       |                |      |        |            |            |                 |
| July ..                                    | 12,054                 | 7,442     | 3,907            | 2,385               | 3,363                 | 712            | 8    | 44     | 29,915     | 8,044      | 2,093           |
| August ..                                  | 11,309                 | 7,435     | 3,176            | 2,204               | 3,219                 | 891            | 3    | 41     | 28,278     | 8,703      | 2,091           |
| September ..                               | 10,587                 | 6,735     | 2,984            | 1,930               | 2,875                 | 849            | 3    | 39     | 26,002     | 8,472      | 2,040           |
| October ..                                 | 10,267                 | 5,656     | 2,874            | 1,706               | 2,709                 | 789            | 1    | 35     | 24,037     | 8,651      | 2,071           |

(a) As furnished by the Department of Social Services.

(b) Excludes migrants in reception and training centres.

(c) Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of Part VII. of the *Social Services Act 1947-1957*.

(d) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.

(e) Includes the Northern Territory.

(f) Included with South Australia.

(g) Included with New South Wales.

# UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS—continued.

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS: AUSTRALIA.

| Period.                 | Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit.(a) |          |          | Amount paid in Benefits during Month. |           |                  |           |         |
|-------------------------|---|----------|----------|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|---------|
|                         | Males.                                      | Females. | Persons. | Unemployment.                         | Sickness. | Special—         |           | Total.  |
|                         |   |          |          |                                       |           | Migrants.<br>(b) | Ordinary. |         |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |   |          |          |                                       |           |                  |           |         |
| 1948-49..               | ..  | 955      | 56       | 1,011                                 | 11,570    | 66,319           | 7,088     | 89,202  |
| 1949-50..               | ..  | 10,854   | 2,571    | 13,425                                | 105,506   | 68,001           | 35,361    | 208,868 |
| 1950-51..               | ..  | 881      | 111      | 992                                   | 5,204     | 62,143           | 13,520    | 86,435  |
| 1951-52..               | ..  | 1,771    | 520      | 2,291                                 | 15,584    | 59,157           | 2,319     | 83,971  |
| 1952-53..               | ..  | 12,793   | 1,797    | 14,590                                | 380,812   | 116,108          | 8,172     | 521,289 |
| 1953-54..               | ..  | 4,368    | 810      | 5,178                                 | 208,788   | 139,633          | 4,561     | 378,621 |
| 1954-55..               | ..  | 1,529    | 496      | 2,025                                 | 56,620    | 133,987          | 4,534     | 219,989 |
| 1955-56..               | ..  | 2,525    | 590      | 3,115                                 | 55,985    | 126,589          | 5,433     | 213,592 |
| 1956-57..               | ..  | 6,811    | 1,192    | 8,003                                 | 174,670   | 124,877          | 6,785     | 333,286 |
| 1957-58..               | ..  | 9,951    | 2,039    | 11,990                                | 409,981   | 154,771          | 13,275    | 610,895 |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |   |          |          |                                       |           |                  |           |         |
| 1956-57—                |   |          |          |                                       |           |                  |           |         |
| October                 | ..  | 4,703    | 828      | 5,531                                 | 145,851   | 137,133          | 1,789     | 312,150 |
| November                | ..  | 4,564    | 987      | 5,551                                 | 128,343   | 108,286          | 1,647     | 262,304 |
| December(c)             | ..  | 7,480    | 1,071    | 8,551                                 | 119,325   | 106,912          | 3,925     | 24,167  |
| January                 | ..  | 8,069    | 849      | 8,918                                 | 247,430   | 133,027          | 4,747     | 31,168  |
| February                | ..  | 7,755    | 1,245    | 9,000                                 | 222,303   | 116,006          | 4,956     | 31,777  |
| March(c)                | ..  | 6,907    | 1,467    | 8,374                                 | 193,234   | 117,846          | 7,286     | 25,130  |
| April ..                | ..  | 7,319    | 1,364    | 8,683                                 | 172,388   | 105,214          | 7,762     | 24,025  |
| May ..                  | ..  | 6,893    | 1,323    | 8,216                                 | 230,126   | 135,683          | 10,889    | 30,128  |
| June(c)                 | ..  | 10,135   | 2,143    | 12,278                                | 256,044   | 148,461          | 18,573    | 454,687 |
| 1957-58—                |   |          |          |                                       |           |                  |           |         |
| July ..                 | ..  | 9,165    | 1,959    | 11,124                                | 256,170   | 100,619          | 28,874    | 22,636  |
| August(c)               | ..  | 10,309   | 1,755    | 12,064                                | 322,989   | 145,700          | 20,775    | 26,473  |
| September               | ..  | 7,272    | 1,370    | 8,642                                 | 274,373   | 114,295          | 16,827    | 428,376 |
| October                 | ..  | 6,219    | 1,305    | 7,524                                 | 273,086   | 126,589          | 14,961    | 438,224 |
| November(c)             | ..  | 9,264    | 1,814    | 11,078                                | 365,919   | 191,174          | 10,652    | 38,818  |
| December                | ..  | 12,152   | 1,433    | 13,585                                | 379,388   | 149,356          | 14,050    | 573,953 |
| January ..              | ..  | 11,983   | 1,536    | 13,519                                | 563,367   | 159,991          | 13,039    | 36,880  |
| February                | ..  | 10,562   | 2,300    | 12,862                                | 585,502   | 161,223          | 17,866    | 36,313  |
| March(c)                | ..  | 10,629   | 2,661    | 13,290                                | 479,702   | 179,936          | 5,594     | 39,326  |
| April ..                | ..  | 9,264    | 2,508    | 11,772                                | 450,781   | 167,238          | 7,175     | 37,634  |
| May ..                  | ..  | 12,160   | 3,248    | 15,408                                | 515,038   | 188,744          | 6,289     | 43,205  |
| June ..                 | ..  | 10,432   | 2,577    | 13,009                                | 453,460   | 172,398          | 3,198     | 35,493  |
| 1958-59—                |   |          |          |                                       |           |                  |           |         |
| July ..                 | ..  | 9,983    | 2,466    | 12,449                                | 490,555   | 170,695          | 5,085     | 32,698  |
| August(c)               | ..  | 10,951   | 2,724    | 13,675                                | 564,067   | 206,765          | 5,581     | 37,461  |
| September               | ..  | 7,611    | 1,966    | 9,577                                 | 474,595   | 187,927          | 2,282     | 34,092  |
| October                 | ..  | 6,531    | 1,714    | 8,245                                 | 482,293   | 192,288          | 4,731     | 34,680  |

(a) Number admitted during the four weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month except where otherwise shown.  
(b) In reception and training centres. (c) Number admitted during the five weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month.

# VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a): COMMODITY GROUPS.

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards) and include the retail sales of establishments principally engaged in wholesale, manufacturing or servicing activities. The table contains particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1949-50 to 1957-58 on a comparable basis throughout. The figures for the year 1952-53 were obtained from a Census taken in respect of that year, whereas figures for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys. To provide comparability with the 1952-53 Census an adjustment has been made in the figures originally published for hardware, china and glassware for 1949-50 and subsequent periods.

(£ million.)

| Period.                   | Groceries. | Butchers' Meat. | Other Food.<br>(b) | Beer,<br>Wine<br>and<br>Spirits. | Clothing,<br>Drapery<br>and Foot-<br>wear. | Hard-<br>ware.(c) | Electri-<br>cal<br>Goods.<br>(d) | Furni-<br>ture. | Other<br>Goods. | Total<br>(Excl.<br>Motor<br>Vehicles,<br>etc.). | Motor<br>Vehicles,<br>Parts,<br>Petrol,<br>etc.(e) |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|--|
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b> |            |                 |                    |                                  |  |                   |                                  |                 |                 |   |  |
| 1949-50                   | ..         | 40.2            | 18.9               | 32.9                             | 26.2                                       | 66.0              | 16.6                             | 10.9            | 13.6            | 51.1  | 276.4  |
| 1950-51                   | ..         | 46.5            | 23.1               | 38.9                             | 30.8                                       | 82.1              | 22.8                             | 16.2            | 19.2            | 63.1  | 342.7  |
| 1951-52                   | ..         | 58.2            | 29.7               | 47.0                             | 38.5                                       | 87.9              | 27.4                             | 19.4            | 19.0            | 76.9  | 404.0  |
| 1952-53                   | ..         | 65.4            | 31.9               | 51.7                             | 43.2                                       | 88.8              | 28.4                             | 19.0            | 18.2            | 78.9  | 425.5  |
| 1953-54                   | ..         | 68.8            | 33.4               | 55.9                             | 46.7                                       | 96.9              | 31.2                             | 22.8            | 20.3            | 84.2  | 460.2  |
| 1954-55                   | ..         | 76.5            | 36.6               | 61.6                             | 50.7                                       | 105.5             | 35.7                             | 25.1            | 21.7            | 91.8  | 505.2  |
| 1955-56                   | ..         | 84.0            | 39.6               | 67.2                             | 54.9                                       | 109.4             | 38.3                             | 26.6            | 23.1            | 99.0  | 542.1  |
| 1956-57                   | ..         | 88.0            | 42.7               | 70.1                             | 58.9                                       | 110.7             | 38.5                             | 28.4            | 23.2            | 104.3   | 564.8  |
| 1957-58                   | ..         | 93.1            | 43.5               | 73.7                             | 61.9                                       | 114.4             | 39.8                             | 34.0            | 24.6            | 109.2   | 594.2  |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>   |            |                 |                    |                                  |  |                   |                                  |                 |                 |   |  |
| 1952-53—                  |            |                 |                    |                                  |  |                   |                                  |                 |                 |   |  |
| June Qtr.                 | ..         | 66.6            | 32.7               | 52.2                             | 42.0                                       | 97.7              | 29.3                             | 18.0            | 18.2            | 76.4  | 433.1  |
| 1953-54—                  |            |                 |                    |                                  |  |                   |                                  |                 |                 |   |  |
| Sept.                     | ..         | 67.9            | 33.4               | 53.0                             | 41.9                                       | 88.0              | 29.6                             | 20.1            | 19.6            | 78.9  | 432.4  |
| Dec.                      | ..         | 72.9            | 33.8               | 58.5                             | 51.9                                       | 111.4             | 34.9                             | 28.0            | 22.8            | 96.6  | 510.8  |
| Mar.                      | ..         | 65.6            | 32.7               | 56.0                             | 48.3                                       | 82.7              | 28.7                             | 22.1            | 18.1            | 78.6  | 432.8  |
| June                      | ..         | 68.7            | 34.0               | 56.2                             | 44.6                                       | 105.5             | 31.5                             | 21.0            | 20.5            | 82.8  | 464.8  |
| 1954-55—                  |            |                 |                    |                                  |  |                   |                                  |                 |                 |   |  |
| Sept.                     | ..         | 72.3            | 35.9               | 58.2                             | 45.4                                       | 97.3              | 34.3                             | 23.1            | 21.8            | 82.3  | 470.6  |
| Dec.                      | ..         | 80.7            | 36.5               | 64.1                             | 53.7                                       | 120.2             | 39.2                             | 30.8            | 24.6            | 104.8   | 554.6  |
| Mar.                      | ..         | 74.2            | 35.9               | 62.2                             | 53.6                                       | 90.0              | 33.6                             | 24.0            | 19.3            | 87.7  | 480.5  |
| June                      | ..         | 78.8            | 38.1               | 62.1                             | 50.0                                       | 114.5             | 35.6                             | 22.6            | 21.2            | 92.3  | 515.2  |
| 1955-56—                  |            |                 |                    |                                  |  |                   |                                  |                 |                 |   |  |
| Sept.                     | ..         | 81.3            | 38.4               | 63.6                             | 49.2                                       | 103.1             | 37.7                             | 25.1            | 23.4            | 92.0  | 513.8  |
| Dec.                      | ..         | 86.3            | 39.3               | 69.9                             | 58.7                                       | 125.5             | 42.2                             | 33.0            | 25.7            | 115.9   | 596.5  |
| Mar.                      | ..         | 83.8            | 39.3               | 68.9                             | 57.0                                       | 93.1              | 35.7                             | 24.6            | 20.7            | 92.4  | 515.5  |
| June                      | ..         | 84.5            | 41.6               | 66.3                             | 54.8                                       | 115.9             | 37.8                             | 23.5            | 22.5            | 95.8  | 542.7  |
| 1956-57—                  |            |                 |                    |                                  |  |                   |                                  |                 |                 |   |  |
| Sept.                     | ..         | 86.8            | 42.1               | 67.7                             | 53.3                                       | 102.3             | 36.7                             | 24.5            | 23.0            | 97.7  | 534.1  |
| Dec.                      | ..         | 92.0            | 42.7               | 72.6                             | 64.2                                       | 128.3             | 42.7                             | 34.0            | 26.0            | 118.4   | 620.9  |
| Mar.                      | ..         | 84.9            | 42.4               | 70.2                             | 60.6                                       | 95.7              | 36.6                             | 26.6            | 21.1            | 99.0  | 537.1  |
| June                      | ..         | 88.3            | 43.6               | 70.1                             | 57.5                                       | 116.5             | 38.0                             | 28.4            | 22.6            | 102.0   | 567.0  |
| 1957-58—                  |            |                 |                    |                                  |  |                   |                                  |                 |                 |   |  |
| Sept.                     | ..         | 90.1            | 44.3               | 69.9                             | 56.8                                       | 107.2             | 38.3                             | 29.8            | 24.5            | 103.1   | 564.0  |
| Dec.                      | ..         | 96.1            | 42.7               | 77.5                             | 69.0                                       | 134.1             | 44.6                             | 38.8            | 27.4            | 125.4   | 655.6  |
| Mar.                      | ..         | 92.0            | 42.7               | 74.8                             | 63.6                                       | 96.5              | 38.0                             | 34.4            | 22.6            | 104.0   | 568.6  |
| June                      | ..         | 94.4            | 44.3               | 72.8                             | 58.3                                       | 119.9             | 38.1                             | 32.8            | 23.9            | 104.2   | 588.7  |
|                           |            |                 |                    |                                  |  |                   |                                  |                 |                 |   |  |

(a) Excludes the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory.

(b) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks,

ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (c) Excludes basic building materials (e.g., timber, roofing tiles, bricks, etc.). (d) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (e) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, etc.

# RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES.

The following statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Agreements originally made between retailers and customers, and subsequently assigned to finance businesses are excluded from the particulars of agreements made during each month, but from the time of assignment, are included in the figures for balances outstanding.

## NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA.

| Period.                        | Number<br>of<br>Agreements. | Value of Goods.(a) |                                  | Amount Financed.(b) |                                  | Average<br>Proportion<br>of Hire<br>Purchase Sale<br>Financed.(b)<br>(Per cent.) |  |  |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
|                                |                             | Total.<br>(£'000.) | Average per<br>Agreement.<br>(£) | Total.<br>(£'000.)  | Average per<br>Agreement.<br>(£) |  |  |  |
| MOTOR VEHICLES, TRACTORS, ETC. |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |  |  |  |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b>        |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |  |  |  |
| 1955-56                        | ..                          | 25,405             | 17,709                           | 697                 | 10,464                           | 412  |  |  |
| 1956-57                        | ..                          | 26,374             | 18,715                           | 710                 | 11,388                           | 432  |  |  |
| 1957-58                        | ..                          | 29,755             | 21,429                           | 720                 | 13,099                           | 440  |  |  |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>          |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |  |  |  |
| 1957-58—                       |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |  |  |  |
| September                      | ..                          | 27,764             | 19,382                           | 698                 | 11,790                           | 425  |  |  |
| October                        | ..                          | 30,905             | 21,816                           | 706                 | 13,320                           | 431  |  |  |
| November                       | ..                          | 30,614             | 22,031                           | 720                 | 13,464                           | 440  |  |  |
| December                       | ..                          | 31,816             | 23,115                           | 727                 | 14,184                           | 446  |  |  |
| January                        | ..                          | 28,983             | 20,283                           | 700                 | 12,489                           | 431  |  |  |
| February                       | ..                          | 28,012             | 20,505                           | 732                 | 12,448                           | 444  |  |  |
| March                          | ..                          | 30,462             | 22,594                           | 742                 | 13,745                           | 451  |  |  |
| April                          | ..                          | 31,347             | 23,190                           | 740                 | 14,107                           | 450  |  |  |
| May                            | ..                          | 32,550             | 24,031                           | 738                 | 14,697                           | 452  |  |  |
| June                           | ..                          | 29,530             | 21,534                           | 729                 | 13,243                           | 448  |  |  |
| 1958-59—                       |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |  |  |  |
| July p                         | ..                          | 32,248             | 23,133                           | 717                 | 14,088                           | 437  |  |  |
| August p                       | ..                          | 30,588             | 21,665                           | 708                 | 13,299                           | 435  |  |  |
| September p                    | ..                          | 34,027             | 24,163                           | 710                 | 14,862                           | 437  |  |  |
| PLANT AND MACHINERY.           |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |  |  |  |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b>        |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |  |  |  |
| 1955-56                        | ..                          | 1,583              | 991                              | 626                 | 615                              | 389  |  |  |
| 1956-57                        | ..                          | 1,919              | 1,228                            | 640                 | 769                              | 401  |  |  |
| 1957-58                        | ..                          | 1,943              | 1,328                            | 683                 | 851                              | 438  |  |  |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>          |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |  |  |  |
| 1957-58—                       |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |  |  |  |
| September                      | ..                          | 1,650              | 1,229                            | 745                 | 783                              | 475  |  |  |
| October                        | ..                          | 1,995              | 1,573                            | 788                 | 974                              | 488  |  |  |
| November                       | ..                          | 2,493              | 1,765                            | 708                 | 1,090                            | 437  |  |  |
| December                       | ..                          | 2,076              | 1,501                            | 723                 | 960                              | 462  |  |  |
| January                        | ..                          | 1,684              | 1,204                            | 715                 | 787                              | 467  |  |  |
| February                       | ..                          | 2,090              | 1,345                            | 644                 | 883                              | 422  |  |  |
| March                          | ..                          | 2,142              | 1,308                            | 611                 | 848                              | 396  |  |  |
| April                          | ..                          | 2,056              | 1,331                            | 647                 | 868                              | 422  |  |  |
| May                            | ..                          | 2,331              | 1,560                            | 669                 | 1,019                            | 437  |  |  |
| June                           | ..                          | 1,757              | 1,061                            | 604                 | 679                              | 386  |  |  |
| 1958-59—                       |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |  |  |  |
| July p                         | ..                          | 2,045              | 1,353                            | 662                 | 880                              | 430  |  |  |
| August p                       | ..                          | 1,988              | 1,259                            | 633                 | 830                              | 416  |  |  |
| September p                    | ..                          | 2,388              | 1,792                            | 750                 | 1,159                            | 485  |  |  |

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

**RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—continued.**

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA—continued.

| Period.                              | Number of Agreements. | Value of Goods.(a) |                               | Amount Financed.(b) |                               | Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed.(b)<br>(Per cent.) |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--|
|                                      |                       | Total.<br>(£'000.) | Average per Agreement.<br>(£) | Total.<br>(£'000.)  | Average per Agreement.<br>(£) |  |
| <b>HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.</b> |                       |                    |                               |                     |                               |  |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b>              |                       |                    |                               |                     |                               |  |
| 1955-56                              | ..                    | 57,229             | 4,329                         | 76                  | 3,515                         | 61   |
| 1956-57                              | ..                    | 57,459             | 4,445                         | 77                  | 3,566                         | 62   |
| 1957-58                              | ..                    | 68,618             | 6,977                         | 102                 | 5,648                         | 82   |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>                |                       |                    |                               |                     |                               |  |
| 1957-58—                             |                       |                    |                               |                     |                               |  |
| September                            | ..                    | 59,412             | 5,774                         | 97                  | 4,702                         | 79   |
| October                              | ..                    | 64,713             | 6,685                         | 103                 | 5,404                         | 84   |
| November                             | ..                    | 72,023             | 7,248                         | 101                 | 5,872                         | 82   |
| December                             | ..                    | 82,540             | 7,791                         | 94                  | 6,316                         | 77   |
| January                              | ..                    | 71,940             | 7,340                         | 102                 | 5,925                         | 82   |
| February                             | ..                    | 68,416             | 7,227                         | 106                 | 5,814                         | 85   |
| March                                | ..                    | 73,663             | 8,174                         | 111                 | 6,582                         | 89   |
| April                                | ..                    | 67,111             | 7,086                         | 106                 | 5,755                         | 86   |
| May                                  | ..                    | 74,979             | 8,088                         | 108                 | 6,613                         | 88   |
| June                                 | ..                    | 67,643             | 6,956                         | 103                 | 5,653                         | 84   |
| 1958-59—                             |                       |                    |                               |                     |                               |  |
| July p                               | ..                    | 69,830             | 7,152                         | 102                 | 5,889                         | 84   |
| August p                             | ..                    | 64,979             | 6,862                         | 106                 | 5,630                         | 87   |
| September p                          | ..                    | 69,099             | 7,208                         | 104                 | 5,884                         | 85   |
| <b>TOTAL (ALL GOODS).</b>            |                       |                    |                               |                     |                               |  |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b>              |                       |                    |                               |                     |                               |  |
| 1955-56                              | ..                    | 84,217             | 23,029                        | 273                 | 14,594                        | 173  |
| 1956-57                              | ..                    | 85,752             | 24,388                        | 284                 | 15,723                        | 183  |
| 1957-58                              | ..                    | 100,316            | 29,734                        | 296                 | 19,598                        | 195  |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>                |                       |                    |                               |                     |                               |  |
| 1957-58—                             |                       |                    |                               |                     |                               |  |
| September                            | ..                    | 88,826             | 26,385                        | 297                 | 17,275                        | 194  |
| October                              | ..                    | 97,613             | 30,074                        | 308                 | 19,698                        | 202  |
| November                             | ..                    | 105,130            | 31,044                        | 295                 | 20,426                        | 194  |
| December                             | ..                    | 116,432            | 32,407                        | 278                 | 21,460                        | 184  |
| January                              | ..                    | 102,607            | 28,827                        | 281                 | 19,201                        | 187  |
| February                             | ..                    | 98,518             | 29,077                        | 295                 | 19,145                        | 194  |
| March                                | ..                    | 106,267            | 32,076                        | 302                 | 21,175                        | 199  |
| April                                | ..                    | 100,514            | 31,607                        | 314                 | 20,730                        | 206  |
| May                                  | ..                    | 109,860            | 33,679                        | 307                 | 22,329                        | 203  |
| June                                 | ..                    | 98,930             | 29,551                        | 299                 | 19,575                        | 198  |
| 1958-59—                             |                       |                    |                               |                     |                               |  |
| July p                               | ..                    | 104,123            | 31,638                        | 304                 | 20,857                        | 200  |
| August p                             | ..                    | 97,555             | 29,786                        | 305                 | 19,759                        | 203  |
| September p                          | ..                    | 105,514            | 33,163                        | 314                 | 21,905                        | 208  |

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

# RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—continued.

BALANCES OUTSTANDING (INCLUDING HIRING CHARGES AND INSURANCE), STATES.(a)  
(£'000.)

| As at—               | New South Wales.(b) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia.(c) | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1953—                |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| 30th September(d) .. | 37,628              | 21,957    | 16,187      | 9,502               | 7,372              | 3,426     | 96,072     |
| 31st December(d) ..  | 43,120              | 25,407    | 18,489      | 11,068              | 8,415              | 3,865     | 110,364    |
| 1954—                |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| 31st March ..        | 46,914              | 27,615    | 19,802      | 11,998              | 8,957              | 4,232     | 119,518    |
| 30th June ..         | 50,779              | 30,806    | 22,489      | 13,380              | 10,154             | 4,772     | 132,380    |
| 30th September ..    | 54,340              | 34,240    | 24,193      | 15,132              | 11,382             | 5,274     | 144,561    |
| 31st December ..     | 61,283              | 38,877    | 26,667      | 17,023              | 12,525             | 5,918     | 162,293    |
| 1955—                |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| 31st March ..        | 65,319              | 41,843    | 27,622      | 17,722              | 13,197             | 6,434     | 172,137    |
| 30th June ..         | 69,067              | 44,590    | 29,240      | 18,633              | 14,151             | 7,012     | 182,693    |
| 30th September ..    | 75,174              | 48,283    | 31,298      | 19,930              | 15,078             | 7,460     | 197,223    |
| 31st December ..     | 79,654              | 53,180    | 32,764      | 21,547              | 16,080             | 7,951     | 211,176    |
| 1956—                |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| 31st March ..        | 78,770              | 55,030    | 32,350      | 21,507              | 15,844             | 8,033     | 211,534    |
| 30th April ..        | 78,516              | 55,365    | 32,253      | 21,413              | 15,696             | 8,067     | 211,310    |
| 31st May ..          | 78,830              | 55,792    | 32,220      | 21,514              | 15,521             | 8,157     | 212,034    |
| 30th June ..         | 78,992              | 56,025    | 32,266      | 21,618              | 15,388             | 8,163     | 212,452    |
| 31st July ..         | 79,211              | 56,433    | 32,772      | 21,829              | 15,274             | 8,249     | 213,768    |
| 31st August ..       | 79,840              | 57,110    | 33,384      | 22,306              | 15,264             | 8,362     | 216,266    |
| 30th September ..    | 80,724              | 57,748    | 33,962      | 22,772              | 15,276             | 8,477     | 218,959    |
| 31st October ..      | 81,700              | 58,617    | 34,783      | 23,350              | 15,427             | 8,632     | 222,509    |
| 30th November ..     | 82,415              | 59,972    | 35,478      | 24,148              | 15,640             | 8,804     | 226,457    |
| 31st December ..     | 83,730              | 61,023    | 36,089      | 24,751              | 15,877             | 9,004     | 230,474    |
| 1957—                |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| 31st January ..      | 84,009              | 61,182    | 36,366      | 25,129              | 15,783             | 8,959     | 231,428    |
| 28th February ..     | 83,834              | 61,315    | 36,486      | 25,243              | 15,416             | 8,938     | 231,232    |
| 31st March ..        | 83,617              | 61,866    | 36,608      | 25,226              | 15,331             | 9,011     | 231,659    |
| 30th April ..        | 83,972              | 62,231    | 36,795      | 25,164              | 15,448             | 8,972     | 232,582    |
| 31st May ..          | 84,311              | 63,011    | 36,908      | 25,306              | 15,519             | 9,024     | 234,079    |
| 30th June ..         | 85,131              | 64,045    | 36,934      | 25,349              | 15,488             | 9,010     | 235,957    |
| 31st July ..         | 85,894              | 65,030    | 37,063      | 25,369              | 15,558             | 8,996     | 237,910    |
| 31st August ..       | 86,696              | 66,385    | 37,484      | 25,553              | 15,760             | 8,985     | 240,863    |
| 30th September ..    | 88,364              | 67,434    | 37,962      | 25,800              | 15,982             | 8,971     | 244,513    |
| 31st October ..      | 90,400              | 69,189    | 38,236      | 26,158              | 16,399             | 9,036     | 249,418    |
| 30th November ..     | 92,948              | 71,439    | 39,091      | 26,661              | 16,902             | 9,225     | 256,266    |
| 31st December ..     | 96,134              | 74,138    | 40,195      | 27,350              | 17,470             | 9,469     | 264,756    |
| 1958—                |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| 31st January ..      | 98,152              | 75,795    | 40,535      | 27,711              | 17,828             | 9,611     | 269,632    |
| 28th February ..     | 100,189             | 77,622    | 40,822      | 27,834              | 17,821             | 9,663     | 273,951    |
| 31st March ..        | 102,815             | 79,144    | 41,131      | 27,821              | 18,060             | 9,806     | 278,777    |
| 30th April ..        | 105,610             | 81,617    | 41,434      | 28,272              | 18,471             | 9,942     | 285,346    |
| 31st May ..          | 109,290             | 83,915    | 42,004      | 28,591              | 18,828             | 9,955     | 292,583    |
| 30th June ..         | 111,270             | 85,008    | 42,398      | 28,742              | 19,052             | 9,961     | 296,431    |
| 31st July p ..       | 113,964             | 86,170    | 42,797      | 28,857              | 19,056             | 9,975     | 300,819    |
| 31st August p ..     | 116,533             | 87,153    | 43,244      | 29,032              | 19,219             | 10,059    | 305,240    |
| 30th September p ..  | 118,873             | 89,035    | 44,136      | 29,458              | 19,420             | 10,198    | 311,120    |

(a) Balances outstanding on existing agreements entered into at any time. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.  
(c) Includes the Northern Territory. (d) Excludes balances outstanding on agreements originally financed by retailers but subsequently assigned to finance businesses. At 31st March, 1954, these balances amounted to less than £1 million in Australia.

For meaning of symbols p, see page 1.

## WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustment to be made to the crude figures on this account.

(£ million.)

|         | Period. |                |               |        | Average Monthly Net Sales Recorded. |       |       |
|---------|---------|----------------|---------------|--------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|
|         |         | Taxable Goods. | Exempt Goods. | Total. |                                     |       |       |
| 1936-37 | ..      | ..             | ..            | ..     | 15.4                                | 21.8  | 37.2  |
| 1937-38 | ..      | ..             | ..            | ..     | 16.9                                | 23.6  | 40.5  |
| 1938-39 | ..      | ..             | ..            | ..     | 16.4                                | 23.4  | 39.8  |
| 1947-48 | ..      | ..             | ..            | ..     | 26.2                                | 53.3  | 79.5  |
| 1948-49 | ..      | ..             | ..            | ..     | 30.3                                | 63.1  | 93.4  |
| 1949-50 | ..      | ..             | ..            | ..     | 38.0                                | 72.2  | 110.2 |
| 1950-51 | ..      | ..             | ..            | ..     | 45.6                                | 94.9  | 140.5 |
| 1951-52 | ..      | ..             | ..            | ..     | 52.0                                | 110.1 | 162.1 |
| 1952-53 | ..      | ..             | ..            | ..     | 46.3                                | 111.8 | 158.1 |
| 1953-54 | ..      | ..             | ..            | ..     | 57.3                                | 122.2 | 179.5 |
| 1954-55 | ..      | ..             | ..            | ..     | 63.9                                | 141.6 | 205.5 |
| 1955-56 | ..      | ..             | ..            | ..     | 66.5                                | 154.8 | 221.3 |
| 1956-57 | ..      | ..             | ..            | ..     | 65.1                                | 168.1 | 233.2 |
| 1957-58 | ..      | ..             | ..            | ..     | 70.8                                | 175.5 | 246.3 |

|           |    | Monthly Taxable Net Sales at each Rate of Tax. |      |       |      |     |       | Monthly Net Sales Recorded. |        |        |
|-----------|----|--|------|-------|------|-----|-------|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
|           |    | 8½%  | 10%  | 12½%  | 16½% | 25% | 30%   |                             |        |        |
| 1957-58—  |    |  |      |       |      |     |       |                             |        |        |
| August    | .. | 12.6   | 28.7 | 8.2   | 7.1  | 6.8 | 63.4  | 171.9                       | 235.3  |        |
| September | .. | 11.4   | 2.0  | 30.6  | 10.4 | 7.5 | 14.1  | 76.0                        | 178.7  | 254.7  |
| October   | .. | 15.2   | ..   | 33.8  | 9.9  | 7.7 | 12.1  | 78.7                        | 188.7  | 267.4  |
| November  | .. | r16.8  | ..   | 34.6  | 10.1 | 7.8 | 11.8  | r81.1                       | 184.1  | r265.2 |
| December  | .. | 17.2   | ..   | 35.3  | 9.1  | 8.4 | 10.7  | 80.7                        | 175.1  | 255.8  |
| January   | .. | 10.9   | ..   | 25.8  | 8.4  | 5.4 | 8.8   | 59.3                        | 152.5  | 211.8  |
| February  | .. | 12.7   | ..   | 29.4  | 9.4  | 6.7 | 11.2  | 69.4                        | 168.2  | 237.6  |
| March     | .. | 13.3   | ..   | 29.9  | 9.7  | 7.1 | 11.6  | 71.6                        | 176.1  | 247.7  |
| April     | .. | 12.2   | ..   | 27.8  | 9.0  | 7.0 | 11.7  | 67.7                        | 171.5  | 239.2  |
| May       | .. | 13.8   | ..   | 28.5  | 9.8  | 7.8 | 12.1  | 72.0                        | 188.3  | 260.3  |
| June      | .. | r11.7  | ..   | r26.4 | r9.1 | 6.6 | r11.0 | r64.8                       | r179.9 | r244.7 |
| 1958-59—  |    |  |      |       |      |     |       |                             |        |        |
| July(a) r | .. | 13.5   | ..   | 30.2  | 8.8  | 7.6 | 10.5  | 70.6                        | 181.5  | 252.1  |
| August(a) | .. | 13.9   | ..   | 30.1  | 9.2  | 7.4 | 12.1  | 72.7                        | 173.8  | 246.5  |

(a) Preliminary and partly estimated.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1

# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period.                 | Producers' Materials for use in— |           |                                  |               |                 |          |           |               |            |      | Fuels<br>and<br>Lubricants. (d) | Auxiliary<br>Aids to<br>Production.<br>(e) | Munitions<br>and War<br>Stores. |  |  |  |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|---------------|------------|------|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|--|--|
|                         | Building and Construction.       |           | Rural Industries.                |               | Manufacturing.  |          |           | Total.<br>(c) |            |      |                                 |  |                                 |  |  |  |
|                         | Class IA.                        | Class IB. | Motor<br>Vehicle<br>Assembly. ab | Other.<br>(c) | Class Ic (1-4). | Class I. | Class II. | Class III.    | Class VII. |      |                                 |  |                                 |  |  |  |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                                  |           |                                  |               |                 |          |           |               |            |      |                                 |  |                                 |  |  |  |
| 1936-37 ..              | 347                              | 4.0       | 143                              | 1.7           |                 |          |           |               |            |      |                                 |  |                                 |  |  |  |
| 1937-38 ..              | 472                              | 4.4       | 155                              | 1.5           | (f)             | (f)      |           |               |            |      |                                 |  |                                 |  |  |  |
| 1938-39 ..              | 385                              | 4.1       | 171                              | 1.8           |                 |          |           |               |            |      |                                 |  |                                 |  |  |  |
| 1951-52 ..              | 4,898                            | 5.6       | 518                              | 0.6           |                 |          |           |               |            |      |                                 |  |                                 |  |  |  |
| 1952-53 ..              | 1,482                            | 3.5       | 368                              | 0.9           | (f)             | (f)      |           |               |            |      |                                 |  |                                 |  |  |  |
| 1953-54 ..              | 1,946                            | 3.4       | 441                              | 0.8           |                 |          |           |               |            |      |                                 |  |                                 |  |  |  |
| 1954-55 ..              | 3,044                            | 4.3       | 517                              | 0.7           |                 |          |           |               |            |      |                                 |  |                                 |  |  |  |
| 1955-56 ..              | 2,567                            | 3.8       | 550                              | 0.8           | 5,672           | 8.3      | 25,665    | 37.7          | g34,454    | 59.6 | 3,889                           | 5.7  | 2,357                           |  |  |  |
| 1956-57 ..              | 2,062                            | 3.5       | 562                              | 0.9           | 4,300           | 7.2      | 24,723    | 41.4          | 31,647     | 53.0 | 2,343                           | 3.9  | 2,191                           |  |  |  |
| 1957-58 p—              | 1,928                            | 2.9       | 738                              | 1.1           | 4,751           | 7.2      | 27,149    | 41.3          | 34,566     | 52.5 | 2,026                           | 3.1  | 2,223                           |  |  |  |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                                  |           |                                  |               |                 |          |           |               |            |      |                                 |  |                                 |  |  |  |
| 1956-57—                |                                  |           |                                  |               |                 |          |           |               |            |      |                                 |  |                                 |  |  |  |
| September ..            | 2,298                            | 4.3       | 652                              | 1.2           | 3,915           | 7.3      | 20,316    | 37.9          | 27,181     | 50.7 | 2,602                           | 4.8  | 1,948                           |  |  |  |
| October ..              | 2,166                            | 3.8       | 648                              | 1.1           | 4,443           | 7.8      | 22,202    | 38.9          | 29,459     | 51.6 | 2,704                           | 4.7  | 2,293                           |  |  |  |
| November ..             | 2,352                            | 4.0       | 591                              | 1.0           | 4,827           | 8.1      | 23,840    | 39.9          | 31,610     | 53.0 | 3,208                           | 5.4  | 1,819                           |  |  |  |
| December ..             | 2,021                            | 3.9       | 490                              | 1.0           | 2,970           | 5.7      | 22,046    | 42.4          | 27,527     | 53.0 | 1,789                           | 3.4  | 2,203                           |  |  |  |
| January ..              | 2,440                            | 3.9       | 432                              | 0.7           | 3,022           | 4.8      | 27,719    | 44.2          | 33,613     | 53.6 | 2,274                           | 3.6  | 1,935                           |  |  |  |
| February ..             | 1,407                            | 2.8       | 406                              | 0.8           | 3,067           | 6.0      | 22,742    | 44.6          | 27,622     | 54.2 | 2,017                           | 4.0  | 1,996                           |  |  |  |
| March ..                | 1,818                            | 3.1       | 611                              | 1.0           | 3,853           | 6.6      | 23,920    | 40.8          | 30,202     | 51.5 | 1,970                           | 3.4  | 2,019                           |  |  |  |
| April ..                | 1,999                            | 3.3       | 570                              | 0.9           | 3,947           | 6.5      | 25,282    | 41.5          | 31,798     | 52.2 | 2,525                           | 4.1  | 2,576                           |  |  |  |
| May ..                  | 1,770                            | 2.6       | 652                              | 0.9           | 4,891           | 7.1      | 31,399    | 45.4          | 38,712     | 56.0 | 2,468                           | 3.6  | 2,513                           |  |  |  |
| June ..                 | 1,799                            | 3.2       | 538                              | 1.0           | 4,377           | 7.8      | 24,815    | 44.4          | 31,529     | 56.4 | 1,783                           | 3.2  | 1,430                           |  |  |  |
| 1957-58 p—              |                                  |           |                                  |               |                 |          |           |               |            |      |                                 |  |                                 |  |  |  |
| July ..                 | 2,135                            | 3.0       | 690                              | 1.0           | 4,687           | 6.7      | 30,324    | 42.9          | 37,836     | 53.6 | 2,371                           | 3.4  | 2,793                           |  |  |  |
| August ..               | 1,846                            | 2.7       | 728                              | 1.1           | 4,801           | 7.1      | 28,144    | 41.5          | 35,519     | 52.4 | 2,471                           | 3.6  | 2,185                           |  |  |  |
| September ..            | 1,151                            | 2.0       | 516                              | 0.9           | 3,655           | 6.4      | 23,872    | 42.0          | 29,194     | 51.3 | 1,324                           | 2.3  | 2,077                           |  |  |  |
| October ..              | 2,077                            | 2.9       | 529                              | 0.7           | 5,130           | 7.1      | 30,297    | 42.2          | 38,033     | 52.9 | 2,423                           | 3.4  | 3,265                           |  |  |  |
| November ..             | 2,086                            | 3.2       | 463                              | 0.7           | 5,900           | 9.2      | 25,325    | 39.4          | 33,774     | 52.5 | 2,152                           | 3.4  | 2,176                           |  |  |  |
| December ..             | 1,642                            | 2.6       | 535                              | 0.9           | 4,294           | 7.0      | 24,412    | 39.5          | 30,883     | 50.0 | 1,642                           | 2.7  | 1,912                           |  |  |  |
| January ..              | 2,298                            | 3.0       | 661                              | 0.9           | 5,702           | 7.4      | 32,464    | 42.0          | 41,125     | 53.3 | 2,205                           | 2.9  | 2,472                           |  |  |  |
| February ..             | 2,116                            | 3.4       | 981                              | 1.5           | 4,944           | 7.9      | 25,469    | 40.8          | 33,510     | 53.6 | 2,251                           | 3.6  | 1,879                           |  |  |  |
| March ..                | 2,043                            | 3.4       | 909                              | 1.5           | 3,111           | 5.2      | 24,167    | 40.7          | 30,230     | 50.8 | 1,598                           | 2.7  | 1,792                           |  |  |  |
| April ..                | 1,829                            | 2.7       | 1,340                            | 2.0           | 3,546           | 5.3      | 29,787    | 44.3          | 36,502     | 54.3 | 1,258                           | 1.9  | 2,477                           |  |  |  |
| May ..                  | 1,874                            | 2.8       | 851                              | 1.3           | 5,943           | 8.9      | 25,310    | 38.0          | 33,978     | 51.0 | 2,805                           | 4.2  | 1,918                           |  |  |  |
| June ..                 | 2,036                            | 3.2       | 656                              | 1.0           | 5,296           | 8.4      | 26,220    | 41.5          | 34,208     | 54.1 | 1,812                           | 2.9  | 1,732                           |  |  |  |
| 1958-59 p—              |                                  |           |                                  |               |                 |          |           |               |            |      |                                 |  |                                 |  |  |  |
| July ..                 | 2,075                            | 3.2       | 823                              | 1.3           | 4,642           | 7.3      | 26,596    | 41.7          | 34,136     | 53.5 | 1,556                           | 2.4  | 1,772                           |  |  |  |
| August ..               | 1,722                            | 2.4       | 599                              | 0.8           | 7,156           | 9.8      | 28,715    | 39.4          | 38,192     | 52.4 | 1,926                           | 2.6  | 2,230                           |  |  |  |
| September ..            | 2,281                            | 3.5       | 519                              | 0.8           | 4,816           | 7.3      | 26,334    | 40.1          | 33,950     | 51.7 | 2,358                           | 3.6  | 1,820                           |  |  |  |

(a) Owing to insufficient information it is not possible to treat unassembled tractors and other machinery in a similar manner to motor vehicles and all such machinery is treated as capital equipment whether imported in an assembled or unassembled condition. (b) Includes replacement parts. (c) Excludes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail and paper to be used solely for wrapping which are recorded in classes VI, E-J and III, respectively. (d) Excludes crude petroleum which is included in class Ic, (1-4). (e) Includes a percentage for paper used solely for wrapping, see note (c). (f) Included in class Vb. (g) Prior to July, 1955; excludes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in class Ic, (5).

For meaning of symbols p, —— see page 1.

# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period.                 | Capital Equipment.    |      |   |  |                    | Finished Consumer Goods.     |                |                           |       |            |        |      |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------|---|--|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------|------------|--------|------|
|                         | Producers' Equipment. |      | Transport Equipment.                          |  |                    | Food, Beverages and Tobacco. |                | Clothing and Accessories. |       | All Other. |        |      |
|                         |                       |      | Complete Road Vehicles and Assembled Chassis. | Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft. | Class IV.          |                              |                |                           |       |            |        |      |
|                         |                       |      | Class V. B.                                   | Class V. A, C, D.                              | Class VI. A, B, C. | Class VI. D.                 | Class VI. E-J. | Class VI.                 |       |            |        |      |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                       | %    |   | %  |                    |                              |                |                           |       |            | %      |      |
| 1936-37 ..              | 884                   | 10.3 | 872   | 10.1   | 146                | 1.7                          | 516            | 6.0                       | 46    | 0.5        | 1,316  | 15.3 |
| 1937-38 ..              | 1,149                 | 10.8 | 1,161   | 11.0   | 205                | 1.9                          | 531            | 5.0                       | 68    | 0.6        | 1,480  | 14.0 |
| 1938-39 ..              | 1,104                 | 11.7 | 899   | 9.5  | 119                | 1.3                          | 564            | 6.0                       | 84    | 0.9        | 1,361  | 14.4 |
| 1951-52 ..              | 9,960                 | 11.4 | 10,942  | 12.5   | 1,661              | 1.9                          | 3,074          | 3.5                       | 1,149 | 1.3        | 9,896  | 11.3 |
| 1952-53 ..              | 8,409                 | 19.8 | 3,569   | 8.3  | 1,703              | 4.0                          | 1,917          | 4.5                       | 130   | 0.3        | 2,704  | 6.4  |
| 1953-54 ..              | 9,474                 | 16.8 | 5,769   | 10.2   | 1,552              | 2.7                          | 2,658          | 4.7                       | 446   | 0.8        | 6,736  | 11.9 |
| 1954-55 ..              | 10,289                | 14.8 | 7,377   | 10.5   | 1,824              | 2.6                          | 3,236          | 4.6                       | 614   | 0.9        | 9,468  | 13.5 |
| 1955-56 ..              | 11,174                | 16.4 | (b) 1,784                                     | 2.6  | 1,841              | 2.7                          | 2,276          | 3.3                       | 491   | 0.7        | 8,854  | 13.0 |
| 1956-57 ..              | 10,132                | 16.9 | 958   | 1.6  | 1,616              | 2.8                          | 2,388          | 4.0                       | 281   | 0.5        | 7,422  | 12.4 |
| 1957-58 p—              | 12,040                | 18.3 | 1,047   | 1.6  | 1,353              | 2.1                          | 2,523          | 3.8                       | 429   | 0.6        | 8,917  | 13.6 |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                       |      |   |  |                    |                              |                |                           |       |            |        |      |
| <b>1956-57—</b>         |                       |      |   |  |                    |                              |                |                           |       |            |        |      |
| September ..            | 8,542                 | 15.9 | 1,121   | 2.1  | 2,473              | 4.6                          | 2,139          | 4.0                       | 264   | 0.5        | 6,721  | 12.5 |
| October ..              | 8,822                 | 15.5 | 845   | 1.5  | 1,841              | 3.2                          | 2,054          | 3.6                       | 370   | 0.7        | 7,593  | 13.3 |
| November ..             | 9,975                 | 16.7 | 970   | 1.7  | 1,270              | 2.1                          | 2,102          | 3.5                       | 267   | 0.4        | 7,740  | 13.0 |
| December ..             | 8,220                 | 15.8 | 771   | 1.5  | 1,783              | 3.4                          | 2,039          | 3.9                       | 192   | 0.4        | 7,016  | 13.4 |
| January ..              | 10,290                | 16.4 | 823   | 1.3  | 1,297              | 2.1                          | 3,468          | 5.5                       | 302   | 0.5        | 7,675  | 12.4 |
| February ..             | 8,762                 | 17.2 | 862   | 1.7  | 982                | 1.9                          | 2,313          | 4.5                       | 241   | 0.5        | 5,531  | 10.5 |
| March ..                | 10,952                | 18.7 | 793   | 1.3  | 1,793              | 3.1                          | 2,876          | 4.9                       | 306   | 0.5        | 7,021  | 12.0 |
| April ..                | 10,678                | 17.6 | 736   | 1.2  | 1,739              | 2.9                          | 2,813          | 4.6                       | 297   | 0.5        | 7,217  | 12.0 |
| May ..                  | 12,363                | 17.9 | 1,054   | 1.5  | 1,078              | 1.5                          | 1,944          | 2.8                       | 252   | 0.4        | 7,933  | 11.5 |
| June ..                 | 9,573                 | 17.1 | 826   | 1.5  | 1,306              | 2.3                          | 1,870          | 3.3                       | 168   | 0.3        | 6,910  | 12.4 |
| <b>1957-58 p—</b>       |                       |      |   |  |                    |                              |                |                           |       |            |        |      |
| July ..                 | 12,911                | 18.2 | 1,377   | 2.0  | 1,456              | 2.0                          | 1,887          | 2.7                       | 332   | 0.5        | 8,916  | 12.6 |
| August ..               | 12,478                | 18.4 | 1,241   | 1.8  | 1,886              | 2.7                          | 1,921          | 2.8                       | 320   | 0.5        | 9,146  | 13.4 |
| September ..            | 10,832                | 19.0 | 1,031   | 1.8  | 903                | 1.6                          | 1,919          | 3.4                       | 440   | 0.8        | 8,605  | 15.0 |
| October ..              | 11,482                | 16.0 | 1,045   | 1.5  | 1,575              | 2.0                          | 3,397          | 4.7                       | 366   | 0.5        | 9,570  | 13.3 |
| November ..             | 11,459                | 17.8 | 987   | 1.5  | 1,301              | 2.0                          | 2,858          | 4.4                       | 326   | 0.5        | 8,650  | 13.5 |
| December ..             | 12,302                | 19.9 | 884   | 1.4  | 2,223              | 3.6                          | 2,589          | 4.2                       | 412   | 0.7        | 8,237  | 13.3 |
| January ..              | 14,701                | 19.0 | 1,097   | 1.4  | 2,053              | 2.7                          | 2,773          | 3.6                       | 646   | 0.8        | 9,865  | 12.8 |
| February ..             | 11,226                | 18.0 | 973   | 1.6  | 767                | 1.1                          | 2,892          | 4.6                       | 545   | 0.9        | 8,025  | 12.9 |
| March ..                | 12,307                | 20.7 | 998   | 1.7  | 810                | 1.4                          | 2,170          | 3.6                       | 601   | 1.0        | 8,297  | 14.0 |
| April ..                | 11,785                | 17.5 | 1,002   | 1.5  | 965                | 1.4                          | 2,928          | 4.4                       | 511   | 0.8        | 8,976  | 13.3 |
| May ..                  | 12,167                | 18.2 | 1,076   | 1.6  | 1,281              | 1.9                          | 3,048          | 4.6                       | 352   | 0.5        | 9,388  | 14.1 |
| June ..                 | 10,822                | 17.1 | 858   | 1.3  | 1,014              | 1.6                          | 1,888          | 3.0                       | 301   | 0.5        | 9,398  | 14.8 |
| <b>1958-59 p—</b>       |                       |      |   |  |                    |                              |                |                           |       |            |        |      |
| July ..                 | 10,141                | 15.9 | 750   | 1.2  | 3,471              | 5.4                          | 2,814          | 4.4                       | 403   | 0.7        | 7,934  | 12.4 |
| August ..               | 13,657                | 18.7 | 1,030   | 1.4  | 832                | 1.1                          | 3,414          | 4.7                       | 538   | 0.7        | 10,610 | 14.6 |
| September               | 11,821                | 18.0 | 991   | 1.5  | 1,534              | 2.3                          | 2,931          | 4.5                       | 399   | 0.6        | 9,623  | 14.6 |
|                         |                       |      |   |  |                    |                              |                |                           |       |            |        |      |

(a) Includes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail, see note (c), page 18. (b) Prior to July, 1955 includes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955 have been recorded in Class 1c.

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# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period.                 | Producers' Materials.<br>(Class I.) (a) |                             |                                       | Finished Consumer Goods.<br>(Class VI.) (b) |                             |                                       | Total Imports of Merchandise.<br>(All Classes.) |                             |                                       |        |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|
|                         | Crude.                                  | Simply<br>trans-<br>formed. | Elabor-<br>ately<br>trans-<br>formed. | Crude.                                      | Simply<br>trans-<br>formed. | Elabor-<br>ately<br>trans-<br>formed. | Crude.  | Simply<br>trans-<br>formed. | Elabor-<br>ately<br>trans-<br>formed. | Total. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |   |                             |                                       |   |                             |                                       |   |                             |                                       |        |
| 1936-37 ..              | 1,024                                   | 373                         | 2,362                                 | 45  | 303                         | 1,530                                 | 1,069   | 1,505                       | 6,032                                 | 8,606  |
| 1937-38 ..              | 1,241                                   | 449                         | 3,031                                 | 48  | 300                         | 1,731                                 | 1,289   | 1,796                       | 7,530                                 | 10,615 |
| 1938-39 ..              | 1,100                                   | 351                         | 2,553                                 | 55  | 309                         | 1,645                                 | 1,155   | 1,627                       | 6,653                                 | 9,435  |
| 1951-52 ..              | 7,788                                   | 4,788                       | 25,729                                | 359   | 1,446                       | 12,314                                | 8,147   | 13,933                      | 65,399                                | 87,479 |
| 1952-53 ..              | 4,712                                   | 2,195                       | 9,171                                 | 251   | 1,182                       | 3,318                                 | 4,963   | 9,443                       | 28,123                                | 42,529 |
| 1953-54 ..              | 6,260                                   | 3,189                       | 12,486                                | 385   | 1,471                       | 7,984                                 | 6,645   | 11,384                      | 38,520                                | 56,549 |
| 1954-55 ..              | 8,818                                   | 4,986                       | 15,448                                | 428   | 2,082                       | 10,808                                | 9,246   | 13,167                      | 47,668                                | 70,081 |
| 1955-56 ..              | 10,095                                  | 4,557                       | c 19,802                              | 423   | 1,191                       | 10,007                                | 10,518  | 10,913                      | 46,760                                | 68,191 |
| 1956-57 ..              | 10,650                                  | 4,741                       | 16,256                                | 497   | 1,450                       | 8,144                                 | 11,147  | 9,623                       | 38,953                                | 59,723 |
| 1957-58 p ..            | 11,597                                  | 5,501                       | 17,468                                | 600   | 1,359                       | 9,910                                 | 12,197  | 10,089                      | 43,514                                | 65,800 |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |   |                             |                                       |   |                             |                                       |   |                             |                                       |        |
| 1956-57—                |   |                             |                                       |   |                             |                                       |   |                             |                                       |        |
| September ..            | 8,996                                   | 4,177                       | 14,008                                | 548   | 1,250                       | 7,326                                 | 9,544   | 9,052                       | 35,093                                | 53,689 |
| October ..              | 10,095                                  | 4,279                       | 15,085                                | 426   | 1,038                       | 8,553                                 | 10,521  | 9,046                       | 37,522                                | 57,089 |
| November ..             | 11,398                                  | 3,832                       | 16,380                                | 354   | 1,240                       | 8,515                                 | 11,752  | 9,401                       | 38,535                                | 59,688 |
| December ..             | 10,858                                  | 3,657                       | 13,012                                | 613   | 1,071                       | 7,563                                 | 11,471  | 7,409                       | 33,183                                | 52,063 |
| January ..              | 12,274                                  | 5,120                       | 16,219                                | 572   | 2,314                       | 8,559                                 | 12,846  | 10,798                      | 38,951                                | 62,595 |
| February ..             | 10,511                                  | 4,162                       | 12,949                                | 405   | 1,544                       | 6,136                                 | 10,916  | 8,599                       | 31,550                                | 51,065 |
| March ..                | 10,671                                  | 4,467                       | 15,064                                | 687   | 1,755                       | 7,761                                 | 11,358  | 9,233                       | 38,023                                | 58,614 |
| April ..                | 10,220                                  | 5,443                       | 16,135                                | 572   | 1,760                       | 7,995                                 | 10,792  | 10,835                      | 39,183                                | 60,810 |
| May ..                  | 13,494                                  | 6,022                       | 19,196                                | 538   | 1,102                       | 8,489                                 | 14,032  | 10,846                      | 44,244                                | 69,122 |
| June ..                 | 10,016                                  | 4,826                       | 16,687                                | 465   | 965                         | 7,518                                 | 10,481  | 8,618                       | 36,777                                | 55,876 |
| 1957-58 p—              |   |                             |                                       |   |                             |                                       |   |                             |                                       |        |
| July ..                 | 12,119                                  | 6,433                       | 19,284                                | 464   | 1,021                       | 9,650                                 | 12,583  | 11,120                      | 46,894                                | 70,597 |
| August ..               | 10,164                                  | 6,107                       | 19,248                                | 473   | 1,023                       | 9,891                                 | 10,637  | 10,861                      | 46,411                                | 67,909 |
| September ..            | 8,794                                   | 5,151                       | 15,249                                | 440   | 1,229                       | 9,295                                 | 9,234   | 8,759                       | 38,920                                | 56,913 |
| October ..              | 12,730                                  | 6,351                       | 18,952                                | 796   | 1,923                       | 10,614                                | 13,526  | 12,009                      | 46,346                                | 71,881 |
| November ..             | 10,683                                  | 5,209                       | 17,882                                | 741   | 1,598                       | 9,495                                 | 11,424  | 10,215                      | 42,669                                | 64,308 |
| December ..             | 10,714                                  | 4,187                       | 15,982                                | 437   | 1,478                       | 9,323                                 | 11,151  | 8,417                       | 42,191                                | 61,759 |
| January ..              | 14,515                                  | 5,922                       | 20,688                                | 818   | 1,153                       | 11,313                                | 15,333  | 10,698                      | 51,164                                | 77,195 |
| February ..             | 12,390                                  | 5,013                       | 16,107                                | 567   | 1,824                       | 9,071                                 | 12,957  | 10,264                      | 39,276                                | 62,497 |
| March ..                | 10,361                                  | 5,433                       | 14,436                                | 675   | 875                         | 9,518                                 | 11,036  | 8,947                       | 39,492                                | 59,475 |
| April ..                | 14,823                                  | 5,749                       | 15,930                                | 686   | 1,488                       | 10,241                                | 15,509  | 9,630                       | 42,093                                | 67,232 |
| May ..                  | 10,900                                  | 5,135                       | 17,943                                | 673   | 1,698                       | 10,417                                | 11,573  | 10,869                      | 44,216                                | 66,658 |
| June ..                 | 10,967                                  | 5,326                       | 17,915                                | 425   | 998                         | 10,164                                | 11,392  | 9,281                       | 42,570                                | 63,243 |
| 1958-59 p—              |   |                             |                                       |   |                             |                                       |   |                             |                                       |        |
| July ..                 | 13,226                                  | 4,844                       | 16,066                                | 517   | 1,742                       | 8,892                                 | 13,743  | 9,224                       | 40,877                                | 63,844 |
| August ..               | 9,869                                   | 6,143                       | 22,180                                | 544   | 2,266                       | 11,752                                | 10,413  | 11,762                      | 50,772                                | 72,947 |
| September ..            | 11,171                                  | 4,947                       | 17,832                                | 534   | 1,922                       | 10,497                                | 11,705  | 10,499                      | 43,507                                | 65,711 |

(a) See note (c) page 18. (b) See note (a) page 19. (c) See note (g) page 18.

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately transformed".

For meaning of symbols p, —, see page 1.

# EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period.                 | Meats. | Butter.   | Wheat and Flour. | Fresh Fruits. | Dried Fruits. | Sugar and Sugar Syrups. | Hides and Skins. | Wool. | Lead.  | Total Exports of Merchandise. |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------|------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------|--------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |        |           |                  |               |               |                         |                  |       |        |                               |
| 1936-37..               | ..     | (a) 861   | 734              | 2,029         | 165           | 172                     | 309              | 609   | 5,209  | 402 12,316                    |
| 1937-38..               | ..     | (a) 1,021 | 898              | 2,245         | 171           | 224                     | 336              | 516   | 3,915  | 409 11,719                    |
| 1938-39..               | ..     | (a) 982   | 1,074            | 1,106         | 169           | 239                     | 348              | 342   | 3,561  | 356 10,128                    |
| 1951-52..               | ..     | 2,957     | 383              | 7,359         | 572           | 472                     | 586              | 1,428 | 26,953 | 2,156 55,437                  |
| 1952-53..               | ..     | 5,481     | 1,675            | 7,449         | 791           | 669                     | 1,805            | 1,677 | 33,576 | 2,116 70,708                  |
| 1953-54..               | ..     | 4,816     | 1,338            | 5,053         | 774           | 617                     | 2,639            | 1,620 | 34,202 | 2,004 67,655                  |
| 1954-55..               | ..     | 5,290     | 2,049            | 5,461         | 731           | 703                     | 2,604            | 1,642 | 29,426 | 2,070 63,170                  |
| 1955-56..               | ..     | 5,039     | 2,414            | 5,513         | 761           | 650                     | 2,070            | 1,747 | 28,127 | 2,162 64,236                  |
| 1956-57..               | ..     | 4,250     | 2,152            | 6,811         | 715           | 549                     | 2,407            | 2,022 | 40,311 | 2,688 81,116                  |
| 1957-58 p—              | ..     | 4,600     | 1,304            | 3,550         | 1,100         | 765                     | 3,031            | 2,119 | 31,155 | 1,766 67,766                  |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |        |           |                  |               |               |                         |                  |       |        |                               |
| 1956-57—                |        |           |                  |               |               |                         |                  |       |        |                               |
| October ..              | ..     | 4,448     | 3,708            | 8,752         | 334           | 444                     | 3,778            | 2,220 | 45,463 | 4,201 95,306                  |
| November ..             | ..     | 4,345     | 2,967            | 8,517         | 156           | 114                     | 4,641            | 2,130 | 48,199 | 2,899 93,554                  |
| December ..             | ..     | 3,823     | 2,691            | 6,143         | 42            | 102                     | 2,532            | 1,893 | 41,691 | 2,316 75,976                  |
| January ..              | ..     | 4,232     | 4,979            | 8,500         | 35            | 8                       | 2,129            | 1,787 | 42,679 | 2,429 87,556                  |
| February ..             | ..     | 4,264     | 2,201            | 5,407         | 138           | 44                      | 3,817            | 2,073 | 48,107 | 3,576 89,320                  |
| March ..                | ..     | 3,565     | 1,116            | 7,647         | 727           | 17                      | 1,719            | 1,824 | 58,491 | 2,041 97,389                  |
| April ..                | ..     | 2,870     | 765              | 4,840         | 2,402         | 506                     | 1,891            | 2,350 | 50,183 | 2,018 87,227                  |
| May ..                  | ..     | 4,944     | 1,306            | 4,109         | 3,380         | 2,329                   | 826              | 2,266 | 43,588 | 3,788 90,676                  |
| June ..                 | ..     | 6,107     | 451              | 4,729         | 703           | 1,348                   | 1,344            | 2,551 | 40,068 | 1,768 78,103                  |
| 1957-58 p—              |        |           |                  |               |               |                         |                  |       |        |                               |
| July ..                 | ..     | 6,162     | 412              | 3,372         | 381           | 1,191                   | 1,888            | 2,113 | 32,696 | 1,430 70,609                  |
| August ..               | ..     | 4,760     | 795              | 4,971         | 197           | 1,159                   | 5,108            | 2,824 | 17,550 | 2,360 58,250                  |
| September ..            | ..     | 5,614     | 1,344            | 4,769         | 40            | 1,112                   | 6,777            | 2,384 | 30,499 | 2,226 75,679                  |
| October ..              | ..     | 5,118     | 2,609            | 5,727         | 192           | 449                     | 5,956            | 2,745 | 49,251 | 2,051 94,097                  |
| November ..             | ..     | 5,241     | 2,766            | 5,546         | 144           | 230                     | 4,389            | 2,649 | 40,723 | 1,999 83,191                  |
| December ..             | ..     | 4,599     | 1,877            | 2,900         | 77            | 67                      | 4,511            | 2,227 | 37,994 | 1,062 70,295                  |
| January ..              | ..     | 3,749     | 1,822            | 3,727         | 29            | 156                     | 3,243            | 2,172 | 31,965 | 2,347 66,684                  |
| February ..             | ..     | 3,701     | 1,136            | 2,173         | 343           | 39                      | 450              | 2,152 | 32,555 | 1,739 60,054                  |
| March ..                | ..     | 3,315     | 951              | 2,156         | 1,488         | 484                     | 1,734            | 1,885 | 32,012 | 1,472 61,080                  |
| April ..                | ..     | 3,427     | 424              | 2,122         | 3,207         | 1,000                   | 1,272            | 1,449 | 22,893 | 1,750 53,009                  |
| May ..                  | ..     | 4,327     | 578              | 2,661         | 4,597         | 2,101                   | 760              | 1,491 | 25,237 | 995 65,002                    |
| June ..                 | ..     | 5,181     | 933              | 2,472         | 2,504         | 1,194                   | 280              | 1,334 | 20,484 | 1,759 55,242                  |
| 1958-59 p—              |        |           |                  |               |               |                         |                  |       |        |                               |
| July ..                 | ..     | 7,449     | 886              | 3,887         | 335           | 1,973                   | 2,345            | 1,672 | 22,369 | 1,731 61,184                  |
| August ..               | ..     | 6,752     | 647              | 3,509         | 210           | 2,075                   | 3,248            | 1,771 | 10,651 | 1,127 47,737                  |
| September ..            | ..     | 6,254     | 1,060            | 3,864         | 91            | 1,589                   | 4,960            | 2,039 | 17,473 | 1,483 55,282                  |
| October ..              | ..     | 9,067     | 1,920            | 4,353         | 163           | 917                     | 5,067            | 1,850 | 29,265 | 1,879 73,417                  |

(a) Includes soups.

For meaning of symbols p, —, see page 1,

## EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. The index numbers show price changes in the predominant market or markets for each commodity. (Average prices realized for exports are used for some markets.)

### SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX : FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Index : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period.  | Wool. | Wheat.  | Butter. | Metals.<br>(a) | Meats.<br>(b) | Sugar. | Dried<br>Fruits.<br>(c) | Tallow. | Hides.<br>(d) | Gold. | All Groups.    |                |       |
|--|-------|---------|---------|----------------|---------------|--------|-------------------------|---------|---------------|-------|----------------|----------------|-------|
|  |       |         |         |                |               |        |                         |         |               |       | Excl.<br>Gold. | Incl.<br>Gold. |       |
| Percentage<br>Distribution of<br>Base Aggregate<br>(e) | 45.63 | 17.06   | 11.36   | 6.83           | 6.63          | 2.40   | 1.81                    | 0.64    | 0.66          | 6.98  | ..             | 100.00         |       |
| Base Aggregate<br>(f)                                  | 49.05 | 18.34   | 12.21   | 7.34           | 7.13          | 2.58   | 1.94                    | 0.69    | 0.72          | ..    | 100.00         | ..             |       |
| 1936-37  | ..    | 122     | 123     | 92             | 120           | 98     | 104                     | 103     | 122           | 113   | 99             | 116            | 115   |
| 1937-38  | ..    | 99      | 111     | 107            | 96            | 106    | 92                      | 103     | 100           | 100   | 98             | 102            | 102   |
| 1938-39  | ..    | 79      | 66      | 101            | 84            | 96     | 104                     | 94      | 78            | 87    | 103            | 82             | 83    |
| 1950-51  | ..    | 999     | 432     | 271            | 689           | 209    | 410                     | 226     | 356           | 752   | 176            | 690            | 654   |
| 1951-52  | ..    | 564     | 436     | 291            | 811           | 263    | 464                     | 302     | 451           | 486   | 184            | 495            | 473   |
| 1952-53  | ..    | 616     | 445     | 313            | 504           | 314    | 501                     | 297     | 358           | 369   | 186            | 505            | 483   |
| 1953-54  | ..    | 615     | 411     | 325            | 450           | 338    | 479                     | 287     | 321           | 336   | 179            | 496            | 474   |
| 1954-55  | ..    | 538     | 357     | 313            | 511           | 344    | 445                     | 267     | 349           | 218   | 178            | 450            | 431   |
| 1955-56  | ..    | 464     | 324     | 320            | 562           | 355    | 450                     | 286     | 353           | 238   | 178            | 414            | 397   |
| 1956-57  | ..    | 578     | 327     | 250            | 545           | 368    | 501                     | 319     | 357           | 240   | 178            | 464            | 444   |
| 1957-58  | ..    | 471     | 357     | 218            | 398           | 333    | 518                     | p340    | 368           | 240   | 178            | p400           | p385  |
| 1956-57—   |       |         |         |                |               |        |                         |         |               |       |                |                |       |
| October  | ..    | 551     | 330     | 260            | 559           | 361    | 436                     | 323     | 354           | 245   | 178            | 451            | 432   |
| November   | ..    | 581     | 328     | 252            | 569           | 357    | 439                     | 316     | 352           | 247   | 178            | 465            | 445   |
| December   | ..    | 588     | 329     | 242            | 566           | 360    | 435                     | 315     | 361           | 237   | 178            | 467            | 447   |
| January  | ..    | 596     | 332     | 227            | 570           | 385    | 439                     | 311     | 359           | 226   | 178            | 472            | 451   |
| February   | ..    | 611     | 335     | 222            | 557           | 388    | 473 (g)                 | 309     | 360           | 234   | 178            | 479            | 458   |
| March  | ..    | 596     | 327     | 218            | 555           | 372    | 568                     | 309     | 359           | 248   | 178            | 471            | 451   |
| April  | ..    | 618     | 321     | 224            | 548           | 382    | 620                     | 321     | 357           | 234   | 178            | 483            | 462   |
| May  | ..    | 626     | 319     | 256            | 495           | 398    | 631                     | 328     | 359           | 238   | 178            | 488            | 467   |
| June   | ..    | 596     | 322     | 284            | 451           | 373    | 642                     | 331     | 362           | 239   | 178            | 473            | 452   |
| 1957-58—   |       |         |         |                |               |        |                         |         |               |       |                |                |       |
| July   | ..    | (g) 596 | 331     | 278            | 445           | 351    | 577                     | 328     | 347           | 240   | 178            | 470            | 450   |
| August   | ..    | 551     | 342     | 274            | 448           | 345    | 622                     | 328     | 357           | 239   | 178            | 450            | 431   |
| September  | ..    | 543     | 344     | 274            | 441           | 333    | 571                     | 333     | 364           | 242   | 178            | 445            | 426   |
| October  | ..    | 498     | 350     | 257            | 423           | 337    | 541                     | 337     | 362           | 236   | 178            | 420            | 403   |
| November   | ..    | 483     | 352     | 232            | 409           | 337    | 488                     | 344     | 364           | 244   | 178            | 407            | 391   |
| December   | ..    | 445     | 359     | 225            | 372           | r290   | 481                     | 346     | 365           | 243   | 178            | r383           | r369  |
| January  | ..    | 453     | 363     | 207            | 369           | r315   | 504                     | 345     | 376           | 237   | 178            | r387           | r373  |
| February   | ..    | 468     | r368    | 194            | 375           | r294   | 496                     | 349     | 379           | 239   | 178            | r393           | r378  |
| March  | ..    | 422     | r371    | 188            | 375           | r308   | 496                     | 346     | 380           | 239   | 178            | 372            | r358  |
| April  | ..    | 400     | r365    | 163            | 370           | r353   | 479                     | p346    | 368           | 235   | 178            | pr358          | pr346 |
| May  | ..    | 392     | r367    | 162            | 369           | r364   | 485                     | p334    | 373           | 241   | 178            | pr356          | pr343 |
| June   | ..    | 400     | r369    | 166            | 377           | r368   | 477                     | p341    | 375           | 239   | 178            | pr361          | pr348 |
| 1958-59—   |       |         |         |                |               |        |                         |         |               |       |                |                |       |
| July   | ..    | (g) 400 | 366     | 178            | 371           | r351   | 481                     | p345    | 384           | 228   | 178            | pr360          | pr348 |
| August   | ..    | 354     | pr369   | 190            | 369           | r370   | 477                     | p357    | 375           | 234   | 178            | pr342          | pr330 |
| September  | ..    | p354    | p363    | 190            | 372           | r393   | 476                     | p364    | 383           | 250   | 178            | pr343          | pr331 |
| October  | ..    | p336    | p363    | 195            | 391           | 389    | p473                    | p379    | 382           | p270  | 178            | p336           | p325  |

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative. Index numbers from December, 1957 to September, 1958, have been revised to accord with actual realizations. (c) Sultanas, raisins, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) For "All Groups (including Gold)"—applicable from 1936-37. (f) For "All Groups (excluding Gold)"—applicable from 1936-37. (g) Nominal.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

## EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

### RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND “OTHER GROUPS”.

Group indexes in the table on page 22 hereof show the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards have occurred in the price of wool. Since wool is a predominant export (and comprises 46 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effects which movements in prices of the other components have on the All Groups index. For purposes of comparison they are shown separately below.

(Base of each Index : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Year.        | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Year.      | Wool.         | Other Groups. | All Groups. |  |
|--------------|----------|---------------|-------------|------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|--|
| 1946-47 ..   | 173      | 228           | 203         | 1952-53 .. | ..            | 616           | 371         |  |
| 1947-48 ..   | 287      | 280           | 283         | 1953-54 .. | ..            | 615           | 356         |  |
| 1948-49 ..   | 365      | 305           | 332         | 1954-55 .. | ..            | 538           | 342         |  |
| 1949-50 ..   | 473      | 308           | 383         | 1955-56 .. | ..            | 464           | 342         |  |
| 1950-51 ..   | 999      | 365           | 654         | 1956-57 .. | ..            | 578           | 331         |  |
| 1951-52 ..   | 564      | 397           | 473         | 1957-58 .. | ..            | 471           | p 313       |  |
|              |          |               |             |            |               |               | p 385       |  |
| Month.       | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool.      | Other Groups. | All Groups.   | Wool.       |  |
|              | 1953-54. |               |             | 1954-55.   |               |               | 1955-56.    |  |
| July ..      | (a)641   | 369           | 493         | (a)622     | 338           | 468           | (a)505      |  |
| August ..    | (a)634   | 367           | 488         | 566        | 338           | 442           | 347         |  |
| September .. | 626      | 365           | 484         | 566        | 339           | 442           | 347         |  |
| October ..   | 634      | 363           | 486         | 536        | 344           | 431           | 351         |  |
| November ..  | 634      | 360           | 485         | 513        | 343           | 421           | 352         |  |
| December ..  | 611      | 358           | 473         | 532        | 348           | 432           | 352         |  |
| January ..   | 603      | 354           | 468         | 520        | 345           | 425           | 349         |  |
| February ..  | 581      | 350           | 455         | 528        | 342           | 427           | 340         |  |
| March ..     | 581      | 351           | 456         | 528        | 341           | 426           | 335         |  |
| April ..     | (a)596   | 348           | 461         | 520        | 340           | 422           | 325         |  |
| May ..       | 618      | 346           | 470         | 520        | 349           | 422           | 323         |  |
| June ..      | 622      | 346           | 472         | 505        | 343           | 417           | 403         |  |
| 1956-57.     |          |               |             | 1957-58.   |               |               | 1958-59.    |  |
| July ..      | 490      | 330           | 403         | (a)596     | 327           | 450           | (a)400      |  |
| August ..    | 520      | 330           | 417         | 551        | 331           | 431           | 354         |  |
| September .. | 566      | 336           | 441         | 543        | 328           | 426           | p 354       |  |
| October ..   | 551      | 332           | 432         | 498        | 323           | 403           | p 312       |  |
| November ..  | 581      | 331           | 445         | 483        | 315           | 391           | p 336       |  |
| December ..  | 588      | 329           | 447         | 445        | r305          | r369          | p 315       |  |
| January ..   | 596      | 330           | 451         | 453        | r306          | r373          |             |  |
| February ..  | 611      | 330           | 458         | 468        | r303          | r378          |             |  |
| March ..     | 596      | 329           | 451         | 422        | r304          | r358          |             |  |
| April ..     | 618      | 331           | 462         | 400        | pr301         | pr346         |             |  |
| May ..       | 626      | 333           | 467         | 392        | pr303         | pr343         |             |  |
| June ..      | 596      | 332           | 452         | 400        | pr305         | pr348         |             |  |

(a) Nominal.

NOTE.—The index numbers in the two preceding tables indicate satisfactorily the trends of export prices, but take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. The impact of the price movements on current sales is indicated more directly by the index numbers below. In computing these the “quantity multipliers” are the quantities actually exported in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate. The index numbers for the most recent available month are:—

| All Groups.       | Month of October. |       | Four months ended October. |       |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------|----------------------------|-------|
|                   | 1957.             | 1958. | 1957.                      | 1958. |
| Excluding Wool .. | 100               | p 99  | 100                        | p 96  |
| Including Wool .. | 100               | p 77  | 100                        | p 79  |

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

# WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have, in the main, been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants. With a few important exceptions they are from Melbourne sources. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group: Average of three years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period.      | Basic Materials.     |                       |           |            |                   |                     |        | Basic Materials & Foodstuffs. |                                 |                                      |                       |
|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|              | Metals and Coal. (a) | Oils, Fats and Waxes. | Textiles. | Chemicals. | Rubber and Hides. | Building Materials. | Total. | Food-stuffs and Tobacco. (c)  | Goods principally Imported. (b) | Goods principally Home Produced. (c) | Total All Groups. (c) |
| 1936-37 ..   | 96                   | 99                    | 118       | 99         | 111               | 99                  | 99     | 98                            | 99                              | 98                                   | 99                    |
| 1937-38 ..   | 101                  | 101                   | 100       | 100        | 97                | 104                 | 102    | 102                           | 102                             | 101                                  | 101                   |
| 1938-39 ..   | 103                  | 100                   | 82        | 101        | 92                | 97                  | 99     | 101                           | 99                              | 100                                  | 100                   |
| 1950-51 ..   | 256                  | 196                   | 641       | 242        | 292               | 268                 | 264    | 229                           | 256                             | 240                                  | 244                   |
| 1951-52 ..   | 343                  | 220                   | 577       | 314        | 298               | 370                 | 321    | 276                           | 288                             | 300                                  | 297                   |
| 1952-53 ..   | 392                  | 234                   | 607       | 350        | 224               | 404                 | 350    | 293                           | 292                             | 331                                  | 319                   |
| 1953-54 ..   | 388                  | 222                   | 566       | 323        | 191               | 363                 | 332    | 308                           | 271                             | 339                                  | 319                   |
| 1954-55 ..   | 391                  | 214                   | 510       | 314        | 246               | 372                 | 330    | 315                           | 277                             | 340                                  | 322                   |
| 1955-56 ..   | 404                  | 220                   | 456       | 317        | 328               | 415                 | 345    | 325                           | 292                             | 352                                  | 334                   |
| 1956-57 ..   | 409                  | 241                   | 520       | 344        | 302               | 463                 | 367    | 324                           | 311                             | 357                                  | 344                   |
| 1957-58 ..   | 398                  | 238                   | 437       | 349        | 280               | 453                 | 355    | 325                           | 301                             | 355                                  | 339                   |
| 1956-57—     |                      |                       |           |            |                   |                     |        |                               |                                 |                                      |                       |
| October ..   | 410                  | 241                   | 503       | 344        | 306               | 467                 | 367    | 325                           | 310                             | 359                                  | 344                   |
| November ..  | 413                  | 241                   | 522       | 344        | 306               | 467                 | 369    | 319                           | 314                             | 354                                  | 342                   |
| December ..  | 412                  | 241                   | 528       | 344        | 307               | 467                 | 369    | 321                           | 315                             | 355                                  | 343                   |
| January ..   | 412                  | 240                   | 533       | 344        | 307               | 467                 | 369    | 321                           | 316                             | 354                                  | 343                   |
| February ..  | 409                  | 244                   | 544       | 344        | 298               | 467                 | 370    | 324                           | 318                             | 356                                  | 345                   |
| March ..     | 407                  | 244                   | 532       | 344        | 296               | 467                 | 368    | 324                           | 315                             | 356                                  | 344                   |
| April ..     | 407                  | 244                   | 547       | 344        | 289               | 467                 | 369    | 324                           | 313                             | 358                                  | 344                   |
| May ..       | 403                  | 244                   | 548       | 344        | 289               | 467                 | 367    | 317                           | 311                             | 352                                  | 340                   |
| June ..      | 402                  | 240                   | 527       | 345        | 288               | 467                 | 365    | 328                           | 307                             | 360                                  | 345                   |
| 1957-58—     |                      |                       |           |            |                   |                     |        |                               |                                 |                                      |                       |
| July ..      | 399                  | 240                   | 524       | 353        | 283               | 467                 | 364    | 333                           | 305                             | 365                                  | 347                   |
| August ..    | 401                  | 240                   | 495       | 353        | 283               | 467                 | 363    | 339                           | 306                             | 368                                  | 350                   |
| September .. | 401                  | 240                   | 490       | 353        | 285               | 457                 | 361    | 334                           | 303                             | 365                                  | 346                   |
| October ..   | 398                  | 240                   | 454       | 353        | 295               | 457                 | 358    | 322                           | 304                             | 353                                  | 338                   |
| November ..  | 398                  | 240                   | 444       | 346        | 297               | 457                 | 357    | 314                           | 308                             | 345                                  | 334                   |
| December ..  | 399                  | 236                   | 419       | 346        | 293               | 457                 | 355    | 319                           | 304                             | 348                                  | 335                   |
| January ..   | 400                  | 236                   | 424       | 347        | 278               | 458                 | 355    | 318                           | 302                             | 349                                  | 335                   |
| February ..  | 397                  | 236                   | 434       | 347        | 273               | 458                 | 355    | 320                           | 301                             | 350                                  | 336                   |
| March ..     | 398                  | 236                   | 404       | 347        | 278               | 458                 | 353    | 323                           | 301                             | 351                                  | 337                   |
| April ..     | 395                  | 236                   | 389       | 346        | 277               | 458                 | 351    | 321                           | 301                             | 349                                  | 335                   |
| May ..       | 393                  | 236                   | 384       | 346        | 263               | 420                 | 343    | 330                           | 290                             | 355                                  | 336                   |
| June ..      | 394                  | 236                   | 387       | 346        | 254               | 420                 | 343    | 332                           | 290                             | 357                                  | 337                   |
| 1958-59—     |                      |                       |           |            |                   |                     |        |                               |                                 |                                      |                       |
| July ..      | 394                  | 231                   | 387       | 327        | 249               | 420                 | 339    | 332                           | 285                             | 357                                  | 336                   |
| August ..    | 394                  | 231                   | 358       | 327        | 244               | 420                 | 338    | 338                           | 285                             | 360                                  | 338                   |
| September .. | 394                  | 231                   | p358      | 327        | 244               | 432                 | p340   | 337                           | 283                             | p361                                 | p338                  |
| October ..   | p394                 | 231                   | p341      | 327        | 243               | 432                 | p339   | p330                          | p282                            | p356                                 | p334                  |

(a) Special purpose index for the "Metals and Coal" group excluding coal and briquettes was 404 for October, 1958.

(b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index and does not measure changes in price of all imports. (c) Note.—During 1956 these indexes were reconstructed from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions. For October, 1958, index numbers for these groups comparable with the previous indexes including potatoes and onions were: "Foodstuffs and Tobacco," 327; "Goods Principally Home Produced," 353; "Total All Groups," 332.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

## WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the respective countries. For the United Kingdom and France the current indexes are not available on a pre-war base.  
(Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period.    | Australia.<br>(a) | New Zealand. | South Africa. | Canada. | United States of America.<br>(b) | Sweden.<br>(b) | United Kingdom. |      | France. | India. |
|------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------|---------|--------|
|            |                   |              |               |         |                                  |                | (c)             | (d)  |         |        |
| 1936-37 .. | 99                | 96           | 97            | 101     | 104                              | 98             |                 |      |         |        |
| 1937-38 .. | 101               | 102          | 103           | 104     | 101                              | 103            |                 |      |         |        |
| 1938-39 .. | 100               | 102          | 100           | 95      | 95                               | 99             |                 |      |         |        |
| 1952-53 .. | 319               | 252          | 269           | 216     | 209                              | 278            | 152             | 126  | 141     | 386    |
| 1953-54 .. | 319               | 248          | 270           | 214     | 209                              | 268            | 143             | 125  | 137     | 397    |
| 1954-55 .. | 322               | 249          | 274           | 211     | 208                              | 272            | 147             | 127  | 135     | 365    |
| 1955-56 .. | 334               | 253          | 283           | 217     | 212                              | 290            | 155             | 133  | 139     | 373    |
| 1956-57 .. | 344               | 262          | 285           | 222     | 220                              | 296            | 158             | 138  | 143     | 424    |
| 1957-58 .. | 339               | 264          | 289           | 222     | 225                              | 295            | 144             | 141  | 161     | 429    |
| 1957-58—   |                   |              |               |         |                                  |                |                 |      |         |        |
| January    | 335               | 261          | 288           | 221     | 225                              | 296            | 142             | 142  | 166     | 423    |
| Feb. ..    | 336               | 263          | 290           | 222     | 225                              | 294            | 141             | 142  | 166     | 417    |
| March ..   | 337               | 262          | 288           | 223     | 226                              | 294            | 139             | 141  | 166     | 417    |
| April ..   | 335               | 264          | 289           | 222     | 226                              | 294            | 138             | 141  | 166     | 421    |
| May ..     | 336               | 264          | 286           | 223     | 226                              | 292            | 137             | 141  | 172     | 421    |
| June ..    | 337               | 265          | 285           | 222     | 225                              | 292            | 138             | 141  | 168     | 431    |
| 1958-59—   |                   |              |               |         |                                  |                |                 |      |         |        |
| July ..    | 336               | 276          | 287           | 222     | 225                              | 292            | 137             | 141  | 166     |        |
| Aug. ..    | 338               | 276          | 289           | 221     | 225                              | 290            | p137            | p141 | 168     |        |
| Sept. ..   | p338              | 276          | 290           |         | 225                              |                | p135            | p141 |         |        |
| Oct. ..    | p334              | 278          |               |         |                                  |                | p136            |      |         |        |

(a) See note (c), page 24. (b) Current series linked to former series as at January, 1947 for U.S.A. and 1955-56 for Sweden.  
(c) Basic materials (excluding fuel) used in non-food manufacturing industry. (d) All manufactured products other than fuel, food and tobacco. (e) Year ended August, 1939.

## RETAIL PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 (a).)

| Period.      | Australia.<br>(b) | New Zealand. | South Africa. | Canada. | United States of America. | United Kingdom.                     |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1936-37 ..   | 97.3              | 96           | 97            | 98      | 100                       | Base :<br>17th June,<br>1947 = 100c |
| 1937-38 ..   | 99.8              | 101          | 101           | 102     | 101                       |                                     |
| 1938-39 ..   | 102.9             | 103          | 102           | 100     | 99                        |                                     |
| 1952-53 ..   | 255.0             | 185          | 194           | 184     | 189                       | 139                                 |
| 1953-54 ..   | 262.2             | 195          | 199           | 184     | 190                       | 140                                 |
| 1954-55 ..   | 264.4             | 201          | 204           | 185     | 190                       | 146                                 |
|              | A      B          |              |               |         |                           |                                     |
| 1955-56 ..   | 274.2      277.4  | 206          | 209           | 186     | 190                       | (d) 154                             |
| 1956-57 ..   | 286.2      290.9  | 213          | 212           | 191     | 196                       | 159                                 |
| 1957-58 ..   | 292.5      291.5  | 217          | 221           | 197     | 202                       | 166                                 |
| 1957-58—     |                   |              |               |         |                           |                                     |
| January ..   | 293.3             | 292.3        | 217           | 221     | 196                       | 202                                 |
| February ..  | 293.3             | 292.3        | 217           | 221     | 197                       | 203                                 |
| March ..     |                   |              |               | 222     | 198                       | 204                                 |
| April ..     | 295.5             | 294.0        | 219           | 223     | 199                       | 204                                 |
| May ..       | 295.5             | 294.0        | 219           | 223     | 199                       | 204                                 |
| June ..      | 295.5             | 294.0        | 219           | 224     | 199                       | 205                                 |
| 1958-59—     |                   |              |               |         |                           |                                     |
| July ..      | 296.6             | 295.0        | 229           | 225     | 198                       | 205                                 |
| August ..    | 296.6             | 295.0        | 229           | 226     | 199                       | 205                                 |
| September .. | 296.6             | 295.0        | 229           | 226     | 200                       | 205                                 |

(a) For bases of series for the United Kingdom, see notes (c) and (d). (b) Index in column "A" excludes, and that in column "B" includes, the price movement of potatoes and onions.  
(c) New series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100 cannot be linked to former series. (d) New series linked to former series.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX AND WAGE RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this and the following page the index numbers have been converted arithmetically to the base, Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000, in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period.   |         |    | "C" Series Retail Price Index: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities. |   |           |                     |                    | Weekly Wage Rate Indexes: Six States. |  |
|-----------|---------|----|--|---|-----------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
|           |         |    | Food and Groceries.<br>(a)   | Rent of 4<br>and 5<br>roomed<br>houses. | Clothing. | Miscel-<br>laneous. | All Groups.<br>(a) | Nominal<br>Rates,<br>Adult<br>Males.  | "Real" Wage, Adult<br>Males.<br>(a)(b) |
| 1936-37   | ..      | .. | 963  | 968                                     | 976       | 996                 | 973                | 949                                   | 976                                    |
| 1937-38   | ..      | .. | 989  | 1,001                                   | 1,006     | 1,003               | 998                | 1,007                                 | 1,000                                  |
| 1938-39   | ..      | .. | 1,048  | 1,031                                   | 1,018     | 1,001               | 1,029              | 1,044                                 | 1,015                                  |
| 1950-51   | ..      | .. | 1,998  | 1,076                                   | 3,044     | 1,597               | 1,906              | 2,298                                 | 1,206                                  |
| 1951-52   | ..      | .. | 2,694  | 1,104                                   | 3,623     | 1,898               | 2,337              | 2,806                                 | 1,201                                  |
| 1952-53   | ..      | .. | 2,950  | 1,194                                   | 3,893     | 2,124               | 2,550              | 3,104                                 | 1,217                                  |
| 1953-54   | ..      | .. | 3,073  | 1,255                                   | 3,938     | 2,148               | 2,622              | 3,207                                 | 1,223                                  |
| 1954-55   | ..      | .. | 3,098  | 1,309                                   | 3,940     | 2,145               | 2,644              | 3,249                                 | 1,229                                  |
|           |         |    | A  | B                                       |           |                     | A                  | B                                     |  |
| 1955-56   | ..      | .. | 3,265  | 3,354                                   | 1,377     | 3,968               | 2,230              | 2,742                                 | 2,774                                  |
| 1956-57   | ..      | .. | 3,395  | 3,528                                   | 1,458     | 4,043               | 2,423              | 2,862                                 | 2,909                                  |
| 1957-58   | ..      | .. | 3,424  | 3,396                                   | 1,527     | 4,147               | 2,497              | 2,925                                 | 2,915                                  |
|           |         |    | (c)  |   |           |                     | (c)                | 3,362                                 | 1,226                                  |
|           |         |    |  |   |           |                     | (c)                | 3,536                                 | 1,236                                  |
|           |         |    |  |   |           |                     | (c)                | 3,605                                 | 1,233                                  |
|           |         |    |  |   |           |                     |                    | A                                     | B                                      |
| 1953-54—  |         |    |  |   |           |                     |                    |                                       |  |
| March     | Quarter |    | 3,070  | 1,255                                   | 3,946     | 2,157               | 2,624              | 3,213                                 | 1,224                                  |
| June      | "       |    | 3,055  | 1,286                                   | 3,927     | 2,148               | 2,621              | 3,214                                 | 1,226                                  |
| 1954-55—  |         |    |  |   |           |                     |                    |                                       |  |
| September | Quarter |    | 3,037  | 1,301                                   | 3,924     | 2,145               | 2,618              | 3,213                                 | 1,227                                  |
| December  | "       |    | 3,063  | 1,306                                   | 3,939     | 2,147               | 2,631              | 3,233                                 | 1,229                                  |
| March     | "       |    | 3,124  | 1,310                                   | 3,934     | 2,132               | 2,649              | 3,269                                 | 1,234                                  |
| June      | "       |    | 3,169  | 1,320                                   | 3,961     | 2,157               | 2,678              | 3,283                                 | 1,226                                  |
| 1955-56—  |         |    | A  | B                                       |           |                     | A                  | B                                     |  |
| September | Quarter |    | 3,215  | 3,265                                   | 1,330     | 3,965               | 2,169              | 2,700                                 | 2,719                                  |
| December  | "       |    | 3,239  | 3,308                                   | 1,337     | 3,971               | 2,218              | 2,721                                 | 2,746                                  |
| March     | "       |    | 3,262  | 3,348                                   | 1,415     | 3,965               | 2,227              | 2,748                                 | 2,780                                  |
| June      | "       |    | 3,343  | 3,495                                   | 1,425     | 3,971               | 2,305              | 2,797                                 | 2,851                                  |
| 1956-57—  |         |    |  |   |           |                     |                    |                                       |  |
| September | Quarter |    | 3,394  | 3,712                                   | 1,436     | 3,985               | 2,369              | 2,832                                 | 2,946                                  |
| December  | "       |    | 3,380  | 3,559                                   | 1,446     | 4,024               | 2,418              | 2,849                                 | 2,913                                  |
| March     | "       |    | 3,401  | 3,412                                   | 1,465     | 4,062               | 2,435              | 2,872                                 | 2,876                                  |
| June      | "       |    | 3,406  | 3,429                                   | 1,483     | 4,100               | 2,468              | 2,893                                 | 2,901                                  |
| (c)       |         |    | (c)  |   |           |                     | (c)                | 3,480                                 | 1,229                                  |
|           |         |    |  |   |           |                     | (c)                | 3,543                                 | 1,244                                  |
|           |         |    |  |   |           |                     | (c)                | 3,539                                 | 1,232                                  |
|           |         |    |  |   |           |                     | (c)                | 3,583                                 | 1,239                                  |
| 1957-58—  |         |    |  |   |           |                     |                    |                                       |  |
| September | Quarter |    | 3,417  | 3,403                                   | 1,500     | 4,114               | 2,488              | 2,907                                 | 2,903                                  |
| December  | "       |    | 3,381  | 3,350                                   | 1,512     | 4,139               | 2,498              | 2,905                                 | 2,893                                  |
| March     | "       |    | 3,446  | 3,419                                   | 1,525     | 4,148               | 2,500              | 2,933                                 | 2,923                                  |
| June      | "       |    | 3,453  | 3,412                                   | 1,571     | 4,186               | 2,501              | 2,955                                 | 2,940                                  |
| 1958-59—  |         |    |  |   |           |                     |                    |                                       |  |
| September | Quarter |    | 3,452  | 3,410                                   | 1,594     | 4,188               | 2,525              | 2,966                                 | 2,950                                  |
|           |         |    |  |   |           |                     |                    | 3,652                                 | 1,231                                  |
|           |         |    |  |   |           |                     |                    |                                       | 1,238                                  |

(a) Indexes in columns "A" exclude, and those in columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions.  
weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series retail price index number.

(b) Index of nominal  
(c) Partly estimated.

# WAGE RATES AND AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS.

(Adult Males.)

| Particulars.                     | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania  | Six Capitals or Six States. |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| <b>1957 : September Quarter—</b> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Nominal weekly wage rate (a)     | 3,719            | 3,554     | 3,387       | 3,442            | 3,639              | 3,645     | 3,594                       |
| Average weekly hours (a) ..      | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 879                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b)   | 263/-            | 255/-     | 238/-       | 251/-            | 256/-              | 262/-     | 256/-                       |
| State " " " ..                   | (c) 270/-        | (d) 263/- | (e) 241/-   | (f) 251/-        | (g) 272/9          | (d) 272/- | ..                          |
| <b>1957 : December Quarter—</b>  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Nominal weekly wage rate (a)     | 3,719            | 3,555     | 3,389       | 3,447            | 3,640              | 3,645     | 3,595                       |
| Average weekly hours (a) ..      | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 879                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b)   | 263/-            | 255/-     | 238/-       | 251/-            | 256/-              | 262/-     | 256/-                       |
| State " " " ..                   | (c) 270/-        | (d) 263/- | (e) 241/-   | (f) 251/-        | (g) 272/9          | (d) 272/- | ..                          |
| <b>1958 : March Quarter—</b>     |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Nominal weekly wage rate (a)     | 3,711            | 3,555     | 3,417       | 3,447            | 3,608              | 3,645     | 3,594                       |
| Average weekly hours (a) ..      | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 879                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b)   | 263/-            | 255/-     | 238/-       | 251/-            | 256/-              | 262/-     | 256/-                       |
| State " " " ..                   | (c) 269/-        | (d) 263/- | (h) 244/-   | (f) 251/-        | (i) 268/6          | (d) 272/- | ..                          |
| <b>1958 : June Quarter—</b>      |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Nominal weekly wage rate (a)     | 3,768            | 3,583     | 3,463       | 3,510            | 3,620              | 3,685     | 3,638                       |
| Average weekly hours (a) ..      | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 879                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (j)   | 268/-            | 260/-     | 243/-       | 256/-            | 261/-              | 267/-     | 261/-                       |
| State " " " ..                   | (c) 274/-        | (d) 263/- | (k) 248/-   | (l) 256/-        | (i) 268/6          | (d) 272/- | ..                          |
| <b>1958 : September Quarter—</b> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Nominal weekly wage rate (a)     | 3,769            | 3,589     | 3,523       | 3,512            | 3,651              | 3,698     | 3,652                       |
| Average weekly hours (a) ..      | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 879                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (j)   | 268/-            | 260/-     | 243/-       | 256/-            | 261/-              | 267/-     | 261/-                       |
| State " " " ..                   | (c) 274/-        | (d) 263/- | (m) 254/-   | (l) 256/-        | (n) 272/3          | (d) 272/- | ..                          |
| <b>1958 : December Quarter—</b>  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (j)   | 268/-            | 260/-     | 243/-       | 256/-            | 261/-              | 267/-     | 261/-                       |
| State " " " ..                   | (c) 273/-        | (d) 263/- | (o) 256/-   | (l) 256/-        | (o) 273/5          | (d) 272/- | ..                          |

(a) Index numbers: Base—Weighted Average, Six States Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. (b) Automatic adjustments discontinued. The rates shown came into operation from beginning of first pay-period after 15th May, 1957. (c) Automatic adjustments operative. Rates payable as from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing in the second month of the quarter shown. (d) Automatic adjustment discontinued. Rates shown came into operation from the beginning of the first pay-period in August, 1956. (e) Payable as from 29th July, 1957. (f) Payable as from 20th May, 1957. (g) Payable as from 19th July, 1957. (h) Payable as from 27th January, 1958. (i) Payable as from 7th February, 1958. (j) Payable from beginning of first pay-period commencing on or after 21st May, 1958. (k) Payable as from 28th April, 1958. (l) Payable as from 26th May, 1958. (m) Payable as from 24th July, 1958. (n) Payable as from 4th August, 1958. (o) Payable as from 27th October, 1958.

## INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

The list of items covered by the Interim Index is representative of a high proportion of expenditure of wage earner households. It is more comprehensive than that of the "C" Series Index and some of the principal food weights and group weights differ substantially from those used in the "C" Series Index. The weighting pattern and the list of component items in the "C" Series Index relate to the pre-war pattern of wage earner expenditure and consumption, whilst those of the Interim Index relate to the consumption pattern of 1950-53.

(Base of each Group : Year 1952-53 = 100.)

| Period.           | Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities. |       |                       |       |              |                |       |
|-------------------|---|-------|-----------------------|-------|--------------|----------------|-------|
|                   | Food.(a)                                |       | Clothing and Drapery. | Rent. | Other Items. | All Groups.(a) |       |
| Year ended June—  |   |       |                       |       |              |                |       |
| 1953 .. ..        | 100.0                                   | 100.0 | 100.0                 | 100.0 | 100.0        | 100.0          | 100.0 |
| 1954 .. ..        | 102.8                                   | 103.7 | 101.6                 | 105.0 | 100.9        | 102.2          | 102.5 |
| 1955 .. ..        | 104.8                                   | 104.6 | 102.4                 | 109.6 | 101.4        | 103.7          | 103.6 |
| 1956 .. ..        | 108.1                                   | 110.6 | 103.3                 | 115.5 | 106.4        | 107.0          | 108.0 |
| 1957 .. ..        | 112.4                                   | 115.8 | 105.8                 | 122.5 | 117.8        | 113.0          | 114.3 |
| 1958 .. ..        | 114.0                                   | 113.7 | 109.2                 | 128.4 | 120.2        | 115.7          | 115.6 |
| Quarter ended—    |   |       |                       |       |              |                |       |
| 1956—September .. | 111.9                                   | 119.6 | 103.8                 | 120.6 | 115.6        | 111.5          | 114.4 |
| December ..       | 111.6                                   | 116.2 | 105.3                 | 121.5 | 117.8        | 112.5          | 114.2 |
| 1957—March ..     | 112.6                                   | 113.2 | 106.3                 | 123.1 | 118.5        | 113.5          | 113.7 |
| June ..           | 113.3                                   | 114.2 | 107.9                 | 124.6 | 119.3        | 114.5          | 114.8 |
| September ..      | 113.7                                   | 113.8 | 108.4                 | 126.1 | 119.9        | 115.1          | 115.1 |
| December ..       | 112.8                                   | 112.4 | 109.1                 | 127.0 | 120.1        | 115.1          | 114.9 |
| 1958—March ..     | 114.6                                   | 114.4 | 109.3                 | 128.2 | 120.2        | 115.9          | 115.8 |
| June ..           | 114.9                                   | 114.4 | 110.2                 | 132.2 | 120.4        | 116.7          | 116.5 |
| September ..      | 114.7                                   | 114.2 | 110.3                 | 134.2 | 121.4        | 117.1          | 116.9 |

(a) The indexes in Columns "A" exclude, and those in Columns "B" include, potatoes and onions.

## FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index numbers shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the index numbers therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, etc., of products marketed. The index numbers for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The index numbers shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary index numbers for 1957-58 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Year.             | Agriculture. | Pastoral. | Farmyard and Dairying. | All Farming. | Wool (Shorn and Dead). | Products Other than Wool. |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------|------------------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1936-37 .. .. ..  | 114          | 115       | 93                     | 109          | 126                    | 104                       |
| 1937-38 .. .. ..  | 98           | 98        | 102                    | 99           | 95                     | 100                       |
| 1938-39 .. .. ..  | 88           | 87        | 105                    | 92           | 79                     | 96                        |
| 1949-50 .. .. ..  | 272          | 396       | 228                    | 316          | 483                    | 261                       |
| 1950-51 .. .. ..  | 291          | 818       | 258                    | 505          | 1,098                  | 308                       |
| 1951-52 .. .. ..  | 355          | 501       | 332                    | 410          | 552                    | 363                       |
| 1952-53 .. .. ..  | 364          | 531       | 387                    | 440          | 623                    | 379                       |
| 1953-54 .. .. ..  | 324          | 534       | 395                    | 429          | 621                    | 365                       |
| 1954-55 .. .. ..  | 316          | 489       | 371                    | 401          | 540                    | 355                       |
| 1955-56 .. .. ..  | 330          | 451       | 392                    | 397          | 468                    | 373                       |
| 1956-57 .. .. ..  | 332          | 529       | 386                    | 428          | 607                    | 369                       |
| 1957-58P .. .. .. | 346          | 468       | 389                    | 407          | 474                    | 385                       |

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

## SHARE PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base of each Group: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period.         | New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a)                      |                            |   |                              |   |  | Queensland : Ordinary Shares.(b) |                                    |  |
|-----------------|--|----------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
|                 | 23<br>Manufacturing and<br>Distribut-<br>ing<br>Companies. | 10<br>Retail<br>Companies. | 4<br>Pastoral<br>and<br>Finance<br>Companies. | 4<br>Insurance<br>Companies. | 75<br>Companies<br>(including<br>34<br>Miscel-<br>laneous). | 34<br>Active<br>shares in-<br>cluded in<br>foregoing.<br>(c) | 7<br>Industrials.                | 11<br>Financial<br>and<br>Trading. | 18<br>Shares<br>(total of<br>foregoing). |
| 1936-37 .. ..   | 989  | 1,059                      | 1,106   | 1,052                        | 1,022   | 1,026  | 1,006                            | 1,000                              | 1,003                                    |
| 1937-38 .. ..   | 1,012  | 1,008                      | 1,053   | 983                          | 1,009   | 1,011  | 1,014                            | 1,011                              | 1,013                                    |
| 1938-39 .. ..   | 999  | 933                        | 841   | 965                          | 969   | 963  | 980                              | 989                                | 984                                      |
| 1953-54 .. ..   | 1,784  | 1,534                      | 1,385   | 2,217                        | 1,475   | 1,443  | 1,658                            | 1,302                              | 1,495                                    |
| 1954-55 .. ..   | 1,943  | 1,885                      | 1,555   | 2,184                        | 1,626   | 1,598  | 1,695                            | 1,434                              | 1,575                                    |
| 1955-56 .. ..   | 2,038  | 2,178                      | 1,751   | 2,142                        | 1,726   | 1,649  | 1,726                            | 1,475                              | 1,612                                    |
| 1956-57 .. ..   | 2,031  | 1,960                      | 1,807   | 2,489                        | 1,707   | 1,653  | 1,714                            | 1,467                              | 1,600                                    |
| 1957-58 .. ..   | 2,188  | 1,972                      | 1,886   | 2,827                        | 1,836   | 1,803  | 1,846                            | 1,500                              | 1,687                                    |
| 1956-57—        |  |                            |   |                              |   |  |                                  |                                    |  |
| October .. ..   | 2,034  | 2,006                      | 1,797   | 2,468                        | 1,702   | 1,652  | 1,700                            | 1,474                              | 1,597                                    |
| November .. ..  | 2,000  | 1,963                      | 1,772   | 2,537                        | 1,682   | 1,626  | 1,699                            | 1,461                              | 1,590                                    |
| December .. ..  | 2,008  | 1,929                      | 1,732   | 2,506                        | 1,674   | 1,620  | 1,682                            | 1,456                              | 1,579                                    |
| January .. ..   | 2,067  | 1,949                      | 1,829   | 2,594                        | 1,719   | 1,678  | 1,667                            | 1,467                              | 1,575                                    |
| February .. ..  | 2,078  | 1,974                      | 1,850   | 2,625                        | 1,743   | 1,693  | 1,725                            | 1,473                              | 1,609                                    |
| March .. ..     | 2,084  | 1,931                      | 1,825   | 2,571                        | 1,735   | 1,671  | 1,745                            | 1,481                              | 1,624                                    |
| April .. ..     | 2,088  | 1,937                      | 1,922   | 2,567                        | 1,746   | 1,696  | 1,748                            | 1,487                              | 1,628                                    |
| May .. ..       | 2,080  | 1,926                      | 1,917   | 2,564                        | 1,752   | 1,697  | 1,761                            | 1,503                              | 1,642                                    |
| June .. ..      | 2,080  | 1,924                      | 1,914   | 2,627                        | 1,763   | 1,701  | 1,747                            | 1,493                              | 1,630                                    |
| 1957-58—        |  |                            |   |                              |   |  |                                  |                                    |  |
| July .. ..      | 2,151  | 1,922                      | 1,995   | 2,747                        | 1,815   | 1,757  | 1,755                            | 1,509                              | 1,642                                    |
| August .. ..    | 2,192  | 1,965                      | 2,100   | 2,870                        | 1,869   | 1,811  | 1,832                            | 1,530                              | 1,693                                    |
| September .. .. | 2,219  | 1,979                      | 2,013   | 2,864                        | 1,883   | 1,824  | 1,863                            | 1,532                              | 1,711                                    |
| October .. ..   | 2,132  | 1,935                      | 1,897   | 2,774                        | 1,810   | 1,750  | 1,826                            | 1,534                              | 1,692                                    |
| November .. ..  | 2,146  | 1,956                      | 1,922   | 2,747                        | 1,808   | 1,780  | 1,838                            | 1,568                              | 1,714                                    |
| December .. ..  | 2,161  | 1,965                      | 1,844   | 2,766                        | 1,798   | 1,777  | 1,823                            | 1,559                              | 1,701                                    |
| January .. ..   | 2,179  | 1,985                      | 1,833   | 2,782                        | 1,821   | 1,808  | 1,818                            | 1,469                              | 1,658                                    |
| February .. ..  | 2,225  | 2,005                      | 1,894   | 2,838                        | 1,862   | 1,846  | 1,854                            | 1,476                              | 1,680                                    |
| March .. ..     | 2,247  | 2,042                      | 1,852   | 2,858                        | 1,867   | 1,851  | 1,899                            | 1,467                              | 1,700                                    |
| April .. ..     | 2,237  | 2,041                      | 1,826   | 2,841                        | 1,852   | 1,838  | 1,896                            | 1,455                              | 1,694                                    |
| May .. ..       | 2,163  | 1,944                      | 1,723   | 2,910                        | 1,812   | 1,776  | 1,858                            | 1,446                              | 1,669                                    |
| June .. ..      | 2,200  | 1,926                      | 1,738   | 2,924                        | 1,838   | 1,816  | 1,886                            | 1,450                              | 1,686                                    |
| 1958-59—        |  |                            |   |                              |   |  |                                  |                                    |  |
| July .. ..      | 2,260  | 1,931                      | 1,677   | 2,965                        | 1,861   | 1,842  | 1,962                            | 1,452                              | 1,728                                    |
| August .. ..    | 2,317  | 1,978                      | 1,631   | 2,959                        | 1,900   | 1,881  | 1,959                            | 1,439                              | 1,720                                    |
| September .. .. | 2,331  | 1,989                      | 1,655   | 2,923                        | 1,914   | 1,892  | 1,949                            | 1,434                              | 1,713                                    |
| October .. ..   | 2,297  | 1,931                      | 1,564   | 2,878                        | 1,868   | 1,865  | 1,901                            | 1,440                              | 1,690                                    |

(a) Converted from original base, par values. The index numbers relate to the prices of ordinary shares on the Sydney Stock Exchange of principal companies (excluding banks) whose business in New South Wales is extensive. The prices of individual shares are unweighted and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made for changes in the capital structure of the companies. (b) Converted from original base, April, 1928. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of sixteen representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of two companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. (c) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

# COMPARISON OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base of each Index : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period.      | Export Prices. |                 |                 |        | Wholesale Prices. |                                 |                                      |                 | Retail Prices.                          |                    |       |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---|--------------------|-------|
|              | Wool.          | All Groups.     |                 |        | Basic Materials.  | Basic Materials and Foodstuffs. |                                      |                 | Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities. |                    |       |
|              |                | Excluding Wool. | Excluding Gold. | Total. |                   | Goods Principally Imported. (a) | Goods Principally Home-produced. (b) | All Groups. (b) | "C" Series Index. (c)                   | Interim Index. (d) |       |
| 1936-37 ..   | 122            | 108             | 116             | 115    | 99                | 99                              | 98                                   | 99              | 97.3                                    | 1952-53 = 100      |       |
| 1937-38 ..   | 99             | 105             | 102             | 102    | 102               | 102                             | 101                                  | 101             | 99.8                                    |                    |       |
| 1938-39 ..   | 79             | 87              | 82              | 83     | 99                | 99                              | 100                                  | 100             | 102.9                                   |                    |       |
| 1950-51 ..   | 999            | 365             | 690             | 654    | 264               | 256                             | 240                                  | 244             | 190.6                                   | 74.8               | 74.9  |
| 1951-52 ..   | 564            | 397             | 495             | 473    | 321               | 288                             | 300                                  | 297             | 233.7                                   | 91.7               | 91.4  |
| 1952-53 ..   | 616            | 371             | 505             | 483    | 350               | 292                             | 331                                  | 319             | 255.0                                   | 100.0              | 100.0 |
| 1953-54 ..   | 615            | 356             | 496             | 474    | 332               | 271                             | 339                                  | 319             | 262.2                                   | 102.8              | 102.5 |
| 1954-55 ..   | 538            | 342             | 450             | 431    | 330               | 277                             | 340                                  | 322             | 264.4                                   | 103.7              | 103.6 |
| 1955-56 ..   | 464            | 342             | 414             | 397    | 345               | 292                             | 352                                  | 334             | (e)                                     | (e)                | (e)   |
| 1956-57 ..   | 578            | 331             | 464             | 444    | 367               | 311                             | 357                                  | 344             | (e)                                     | (e)                | (e)   |
| 1957-58 ..   | 471            | p313            | p400            | p385   | 355               | 301                             | 355                                  | 339             | (e)                                     | (e)                | (e)   |
| 1956-57—     |                |                 |                 |        |                   |                                 |                                      |                 |   |                    |       |
| October ..   | 551            | 332             | 451             | 432    | 367               | 310                             | 359                                  | 344             |   |                    |       |
| November ..  | 581            | 331             | 465             | 445    | 369               | 314                             | 354                                  | 342             | (e)                                     | (e)                | (e)   |
| December ..  | 588            | 329             | 467             | 447    | 369               | 315                             | 355                                  | 343             |   |                    |       |
| January ..   | 596            | 330             | 472             | 451    | 369               | 316                             | 354                                  | 343             |   |                    |       |
| February ..  | 611            | 330             | 479             | 458    | 370               | 318                             | 356                                  | 345             | (e)                                     | (e)                | (e)   |
| March ..     | 596            | 329             | 471             | 451    | 368               | 315                             | 356                                  | 344             |   |                    |       |
| April ..     | 618            | 331             | 483             | 462    | 369               | 313                             | 358                                  | 344             |   |                    |       |
| May ..       | 626            | 333             | 488             | 467    | 367               | 311                             | 352                                  | 340             | (e)                                     | (e)                | (e)   |
| June ..      | 596            | 332             | 473             | 452    | 365               | 307                             | 360                                  | 345             |   |                    |       |
| 1957-58—     |                |                 |                 |        |                   |                                 |                                      |                 |   |                    |       |
| July .. (f)  | 596            | 327             | 470             | 450    | 364               | 305                             | 365                                  | 347             |   |                    |       |
| August ..    | 551            | 331             | 450             | 431    | 363               | 306                             | 368                                  | 350             | (e)                                     | (e)                | (e)   |
| September .. | 543            | 328             | 445             | 426    | 361               | 303                             | 365                                  | 346             |   |                    |       |
| October ..   | 498            | 323             | 420             | 403    | 358               | 304                             | 353                                  | 338             |   |                    |       |
| November ..  | 483            | 315             | 407             | 391    | 357               | 308                             | 345                                  | 334             | (e)                                     | (e)                | (e)   |
| December ..  | 445            | r305            | r383            | r369   | 355               | 304                             | 348                                  | 335             |   |                    |       |
| January ..   | 453            | r306            | r387            | r373   | 355               | 302                             | 349                                  | 335             |   |                    |       |
| February ..  | 468            | r303            | r393            | r378   | 355               | 301                             | 350                                  | 336             | (e)                                     | (e)                | (e)   |
| March ..     | 422            | r304            | 372             | r358   | 353               | 301                             | 351                                  | 337             |   |                    |       |
| April ..     | 400            | pr301           | pr358           | pr346  | 351               | 301                             | 349                                  | 335             |   |                    |       |
| May ..       | 392            | pr303           | pr356           | pr343  | 343               | 290                             | 355                                  | 336             | (e)                                     | (e)                | (e)   |
| June ..      | 400            | pr305           | pr361           | pr348  | 343               | 290                             | 357                                  | 337             |   |                    |       |
| 1958-59—     |                |                 |                 |        |                   |                                 |                                      |                 |   |                    |       |
| July .. (f)  | 400            | pr304           | pr360           | pr348  | 339               | 285                             | 357                                  | 336             |   |                    |       |
| August ..    | 354            | pr310           | pr342           | pr330  | 338               | 285                             | 360                                  | 338             | (e)                                     | (e)                | (e)   |
| September .. | p354           | pr312           | pr343           | pr331  | p340              | 283                             | p361                                 | p338            |   |                    |       |
| October ..   | p336           | p315            | p336            | p325   | p339              | p282                            | p356                                 | p334            |   |                    |       |

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index and does not measure changes in price of all imports.

(b) See note (c) page 24. (c) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items. (d) See note at head of page 28.

(e) For indexes for these periods see pages 26 and 28 and Statistical Bulletin No. 645. (f) Nominal.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

# BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by local government authorities. Excluding government buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 33.)

| Period.                 | New Dwellings. |        | Other New Buildings. |        | Total New Buildings. |        | Alterations<br>and<br>Additions. | Total.  |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------|----------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|----------------------------------|---------|
|                         | Number.        | Value. | Number.              | Value. | Number.              | Value. |                                  |         |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                | £'000. |                      | £'000. |                      | £'000. | £'000.                           | £'000.  |
| 1936-37(a) ..           | 1,122          | 1,104  | 154                  | 474    | 1,276                | 1,578  | 408                              | 1,986   |
| 1937-38(a) ..           | 1,394          | 1,413  | 147                  | 472    | 1,541                | 1,885  | 422                              | 2,307   |
| 1938-39(a) ..           | 1,463          | 1,509  | 137                  | 424    | 1,600                | 1,933  | 420                              | 2,353   |
| 1950-51(b) ..           | 3,558          | 7,857  | 151                  | 1,062  | 3,709                | 8,919  | 1,507                            | 10,426  |
| 1951-52 ..              | 2,736          | 6,703  | 164                  | 1,269  | 2,900                | 7,972  | 1,727                            | 9,699   |
| 1952-53 ..              | 2,506          | 6,472  | 302                  | 1,739  | 2,808                | 8,211  | 1,829                            | 10,040  |
| 1953-54 ..              | 2,663          | 7,748  | 327                  | 2,537  | 2,990                | 10,285 | 2,071                            | 12,356  |
| 1954-55(c) ..           | 3,673          | 11,245 | 377                  | 4,054  | 4,050                | 15,299 | 2,593                            | 17,892  |
| 1955-56 ..              | 3,361          | 11,040 | 336                  | 4,994  | 3,697                | 16,034 | 2,847                            | 18,881  |
| 1956-57 ..              | 3,114          | 10,496 | 327                  | 4,252  | 3,441                | 14,748 | 2,653                            | 17,401  |
| 1957-58 ..              | 3,451          | 11,973 | 353                  | 4,265  | 3,804                | 16,238 | 2,922                            | 19,160  |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                |        |                      |        |                      |        |                                  |         |
| 1956-57—                |                |        |                      |        |                      |        |                                  |         |
| October ..              | 3,258          | 11,013 | 376                  | 4,854  | 3,634                | 15,867 | 3,444                            | 19,311  |
| November ..             | 3,477          | 11,138 | 319                  | 4,373  | 3,796                | 15,511 | 2,754                            | 18,265  |
| December ..             | 2,260          | 7,273  | 270                  | 2,978  | 2,530                | 10,251 | 1,820                            | 12,071  |
| January ..              | 2,725          | 9,190  | 263                  | 4,060  | 2,988                | 13,250 | 2,156                            | 15,406  |
| February ..             | 3,068          | 10,477 | 293                  | 3,540  | 3,361                | 14,017 | 2,416                            | 16,433  |
| March ..                | 3,139          | 10,822 | 356                  | 4,320  | 3,495                | 15,142 | 2,790                            | 17,932  |
| April ..                | 3,210          | 10,545 | 282                  | 3,319  | 3,492                | 13,864 | 2,398                            | 16,262  |
| May ..                  | 3,801          | 13,353 | 393                  | 4,686  | 4,194                | 18,039 | 3,283                            | 21,322  |
| June ..                 | 3,327          | 11,439 | 380                  | 5,763  | 3,707                | 17,202 | 2,184                            | 19,386  |
| 1957-58—                |                |        |                      |        |                      |        |                                  |         |
| July ..                 | 3,753          | 12,992 | 393                  | 3,870  | 4,146                | 16,862 | 3,216                            | 20,078  |
| August ..               | 3,986          | 13,384 | 403                  | 4,212  | 4,389                | 17,596 | 3,737                            | 21,333  |
| September ..            | 3,522          | 12,593 | 325                  | 4,303  | 3,847                | 16,896 | 2,893                            | 19,789  |
| October ..              | 3,528          | 12,406 | 373                  | 3,340  | 3,901                | 15,746 | 3,033                            | 18,779  |
| November ..             | 3,269          | 11,164 | 350                  | 3,160  | 3,619                | 14,324 | 2,876                            | 17,200  |
| December ..             | 2,413          | 8,967  | 229                  | 2,483  | 2,642                | 11,450 | 2,019                            | 13,469  |
| January ..              | 3,351          | 11,123 | 287                  | 5,764  | 3,638                | 16,887 | 2,772                            | 19,659  |
| February ..             | 3,155          | 10,768 | 346                  | 3,778  | 3,501                | 14,546 | 2,455                            | 17,001  |
| March ..                | 3,552          | 11,944 | 348                  | 3,601  | 3,900                | 15,545 | 2,728                            | 18,273  |
| April ..                | 3,567          | 12,903 | 360                  | 6,082  | 3,927                | 18,985 | 3,074                            | 22,059  |
| May ..                  | 3,679          | 12,726 | 419                  | 5,197  | 4,098                | 17,923 | 2,955                            | 20,878  |
| June ..                 | 3,639          | 12,705 | 401                  | 5,391  | 4,040                | 18,096 | 3,308                            | 21,404  |
| 1958-59—                |                |        |                      |        |                      |        |                                  |         |
| July ..                 | 4,411          | 15,447 | 466                  | 7,161  | 4,877                | 22,608 | 3,642                            | 26,250  |
| August ..               | 3,459          | 12,432 | 425                  | 6,540  | 3,884                | 18,972 | 3,311                            | 22,283  |
| September ..            | 4,115          | 14,586 | 409                  | 4,563  | 4,524                | 19,149 | r3,742                           | r22,891 |
| October ..              | 3,859          | 13,573 | 423                  | 5,409  | 4,282                | 18,982 | 3,310                            | 22,292  |

(a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart. (b) From July, 1947, includes additional areas in the metropolitan area of Melbourne. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication. (c) From July, 1954, includes additional areas in the metropolitan areas of Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

For meaning of symbols r, —, see page 1.

# BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

| Period.                 | Australia.       |                                    |                                       | New South Wales.     |                            |   | Victoria.        |                               |   |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---|------------------|-------------------------------|---|
|                         | Govern-<br>ment. | Private.(a)                        |                                       | Govern-<br>ment. (b) | Private.                   |   | Govern-<br>ment. | Private.                      |   |
|                         |                  | Common-<br>wealth<br>and<br>State. | Six Capital<br>Cities and<br>Suburbs. |                      | Sydney<br>Metrop.<br>Area. | Other<br>recorded<br>areas.<br>See Note<br>A. |                  | Melbourne<br>Metrop.<br>Area. | Other<br>recorded<br>areas.<br>See Note<br>B. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                  |                                    |                                       |                      |                            |   |                  |                               |   |
| 1936-37                 | ..               | n.a.                               | (c)1,986                              | (d)627               | n.a.                       | 848   | 416              | n.a.                          | 667   |
| 1937-38                 | ..               | n.a.                               | (c)2,307                              | (d)764               | n.a.                       | 1,093   | 506              | n.a.                          | 669   |
| 1938-39                 | ..               | 408                                | (c)2,353                              | (d)755               | 187                        | 1,111   | 495              | 107                           | 702   |
| 1952-53                 | ..               | 2,783                              | (e)10,040                             | (f)7,671             | 923                        | 2,799   | (g)3,542         | 1,129                         | (e)2,906                                      |
| 1953-54                 | ..               | (i)4,622                           | 12,356                                | 9,691                | 1,912                      | 3,553   | 4,622            | 1,653                         | 3,890   |
| 1954-55                 | ..               | 5,936                              | (j)17,892                             | (j)8,365             | 2,461                      | (k)6,340                                      | (k)3,550         | 1,779                         | (k)5,598                                      |
| 1955-56                 | ..               | 5,845                              | 18,881                                | 9,020                | 2,399                      | 6,742   | 3,365            | 1,559                         | 6,163   |
| 1956-57                 | ..               | 5,199                              | 17,401                                | 8,862                | 2,467                      | 6,365   | 3,323            | 1,432                         | 5,648   |
| 1957-58                 | ..               | 6,170                              | 19,160                                | 9,862                | 2,676                      | 6,961   | 3,967            | 1,717                         | 6,698   |
| 1956-57—                |                  |                                    |                                       |                      |                            |   |                  |                               |   |
| December                | Qtr.             | 4,691                              | 16,549                                | 8,718                | 2,264                      | 5,769   | 2,908            | 918                           | 5,138   |
| March                   | "                | 6,062                              | 16,590                                | 7,887                | 2,770                      | 6,299   | 2,948            | 2,098                         | 5,455   |
| June..                  | "                | 4,222                              | 18,990                                | 10,330               | 1,911                      | 7,280   | 4,207            | 1,331                         | 5,851   |
| 1957-58—                |                  |                                    |                                       |                      |                            |   |                  |                               |   |
| September               | "                | 5,378                              | 20,400                                | 10,439               | 2,762                      | 7,214   | 4,165            | 1,150                         | 6,992   |
| December                | "                | 6,039                              | 16,542                                | 9,503                | 1,878                      | 5,457   | 4,090            | 2,549                         | 6,196   |
| March                   | "                | 5,998                              | 18,311                                | 9,452                | 2,171                      | 6,689   | 3,713            | 1,644                         | 6,543   |
| June..                  | "                | 7,266                              | 21,447                                | 10,052               | 3,894                      | 8,483   | 3,901            | 1,526                         | 7,060   |
| 1958-59—                |                  |                                    |                                       |                      |                            |   |                  |                               |   |
| September               | "                | 7,217                              | r23,808                               | 11,746               | 3,880                      | 9,120   | 5,011            | 1,560                         | 8,437   |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                  |                                    |                                       |                      |                            |   |                  |                               |   |
| 1957-58—                |                  |                                    |                                       |                      |                            |   |                  |                               |   |
| December                | ..               | 7,999                              | 13,469                                | n.a.                 | 1,914                      | 4,231   | 3,772            | 4,619                         | 5,122   |
| January                 | ..               | 3,989                              | 19,659                                | n.a.                 | 1,459                      | 7,707   | 3,304            | 924                           | 6,080   |
| February                | ..               | 5,073                              | 17,001                                | n.a.                 | 1,514                      | 6,028   | 3,946            | 1,951                         | 6,559   |
| March                   | ..               | 8,932                              | 18,273                                | n.a.                 | 3,539                      | 6,333   | 3,890            | 2,058                         | 6,991   |
| April                   | ..               | 4,977                              | 22,059                                | n.a.                 | 1,795                      | 9,629   | 4,074            | 1,113                         | 6,464   |
| May..                   | ..               | 6,426                              | 20,878                                | n.a.                 | 3,409                      | 7,372   | 3,977            | 1,668                         | 7,775   |
| June..                  | ..               | 10,395                             | 21,404                                | n.a.                 | 6,480                      | 8,449   | 3,653            | 1,795                         | 6,940   |
| 1958-59—                |                  |                                    |                                       |                      |                            |   |                  |                               |   |
| July ..                 | ..               | 6,227                              | 26,250                                | n.a.                 | 3,754                      | 9,877   | 4,736            | 1,169                         | 9,713   |
| August                  | ..               | 6,237                              | 22,283                                | n.a.                 | 3,234                      | 8,074   | 5,441            | 1,156                         | 8,906   |
| September               | ..               | 9,188                              | r22,891                               | n.a.                 | 4,651                      | 9,409   | 4,857            | 2,354                         | 6,692   |
| October                 | ..               |                                    | 22,292                                | n.a.                 |                            | 7,188   |                  |                               | 8,985   |
|                         |                  |                                    |                                       |                      |                            |   |                  |                               | 2,668   |

(a) See note (a) on page 33. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart. (d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (e) From July, 1947, the metropolitan area of Melbourne includes some additional areas. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication. (f) See A and B below and C and F, page 33. (g) See A below. (h) See B below. (i) See note (f), page 33. (j) See note (k) this page and note (g), page 33. (k) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas". For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

## NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.  
B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton and Warrnambool to June quarter, 1950, thereafter all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs.

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# BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

| Period.                | Queensland. |                         |                        | South Australia. |                         |                        | Western Australia. |                         |                     | Tasmania.   |                         |                      |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
|                        | Government. | Private.(a)             |                        | Government.(b)   | Private.(a)             |                        | Government.        | Private.(a)             |                     | Government. | Private.(a)             |                      |
|                        |             | Commonwealth and State. | Brisbane Metrop. Area. |                  | Commonwealth and State. | Adelaide Metrop. Area. |                    | Commonwealth and State. | Perth Metrop. Area. |             | Commonwealth and State. | Hobart Metrop. Area. |
| <b>Monthly Average</b> |             |                         |                        |                  |                         |                        |                    |                         |                     |             |                         |                      |
| 1936-37 ..             | n.a.        | 153                     | 98                     | n.a.             | 118                     | 32                     | n.a.               | 168                     | n.a.                | n.a.        | 32                      | 19                   |
| 1937-38 ..             | n.a.        | 167                     | 114                    | n.a.             | 173                     | 48                     | n.a.               | 174                     | n.a.                | n.a.        | 31                      | 18                   |
| 1938-39 ..             | 34          | 171                     | 118                    | 22               | 192                     | 63                     | 38                 | 145                     | n.a.                | 20          | 32                      | 16                   |
| 1952-53 ..             | 232         | 1,376                   | c1,209                 | 226              | 1,525                   | 336                    | 219                | 1,157                   | 320                 | 54          | (d) 277                 | (e) 333              |
| 1953-54 ..             | (f) 303     | 1,299                   | 1,404                  | 320              | 1,486                   | 392                    | 314                | 1,750                   | 548                 | 120         | 378                     | 428                  |
| 1954-55 ..             | 489         | 1,449                   | 1,545                  | 475              | 2,171                   | 463                    | 570                | 1,941                   | 535                 | 162         | (g) 393                 | (g) 460              |
| 1955-56 ..             | 545         | 1,679                   | 1,669                  | 959              | 2,403                   | 812                    | 277                | 1,494                   | 413                 | 106         | 400                     | 521                  |
| 1956-57 ..             | 346         | 1,553                   | 1,850                  | 482              | 1,911                   | 698                    | 234                | 1,470                   | 435                 | 238         | 454                     | 565                  |
| 1957-58 ..             | 614         | 1,702                   | 1,970                  | 536              | 2,066                   | 763                    | 425                | 1,321                   | 520                 | 202         | 412                     | 481                  |
| 1956-57—               |             |                         |                        |                  |                         |                        |                    |                         |                     |             |                         |                      |
| Dec. Qtr.              | 277         | 1,893                   | 2,228                  | 800              | 1,698                   | 644                    | 202                | 1,663                   | 424                 | 230         | 388                     | 430                  |
| Mar.                   | 358         | 1,200                   | 1,467                  | 479              | 1,819                   | 614                    | 282                | 1,387                   | 426                 | 75          | 430                     | 599                  |
| June                   | 344         | 1,591                   | 2,161                  | 233              | 2,248                   | 648                    | 254                | 1,508                   | 424                 | 149         | 512                     | 691                  |
| 1957-58—               |             |                         |                        |                  |                         |                        |                    |                         |                     |             |                         |                      |
| Sept.                  | 577         | 1,513                   | 2,223                  | 381              | 2,395                   | 905                    | 339                | 1,854                   | 567                 | 169         | 432                     | 483                  |
| Dec.                   | 379         | 1,469                   | 1,785                  | 508              | 1,830                   | 622                    | 553                | 1,167                   | 456                 | 172         | 423                     | 455                  |
| Mar.                   | 1,004       | 1,644                   | 1,879                  | 495              | 2,011                   | 677                    | 402                | 1,020                   | 536                 | 282         | 404                     | 502                  |
| June                   | 494         | 2,180                   | 1,992                  | 758              | 2,027                   | 849                    | 407                | 1,247                   | 521                 | 187         | 450                     | 482                  |
| 1958-59—               |             |                         |                        |                  |                         |                        |                    |                         |                     |             |                         |                      |
| Sept.                  | 508         | 1,844                   | 2,053                  | 443              | 2,586                   | 1,150                  | 706                | r1,341                  | 515                 | 120         | 480                     | 513                  |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>  |             |                         |                        |                  |                         |                        |                    |                         |                     |             |                         |                      |
| 1957-58—               |             |                         |                        |                  |                         |                        |                    |                         |                     |             |                         |                      |
| December ..            | 548         | 1,530                   | 1,469                  | 436              | 1,463                   | n.a.                   | 452                | 803                     | 438                 | 30          | 320                     | 431                  |
| January ..             | 448         | 1,919                   | 1,306                  | 811              | 2,612                   | n.a.                   | 246                | 1,043                   | 322                 | 101         | 298                     | 505                  |
| February ..            | 525         | 1,321                   | 1,628                  | 394              | 1,611                   | n.a.                   | 274                | 951                     | 455                 | 415         | 531                     | 537                  |
| March ..               | 2,040       | 1,692                   | 2,704                  | 280              | 1,811                   | n.a.                   | 687                | 1,064                   | 832                 | 328         | 382                     | 463                  |
| April ..               | 379         | 2,679                   | 1,951                  | 1,217            | 1,847                   | n.a.                   | 386                | 1,141                   | 435                 | 87          | 299                     | 575                  |
| May ..                 | 314         | 1,830                   | 1,890                  | 492              | 2,254                   | n.a.                   | 328                | 1,181                   | 660                 | 215         | 466                     | 466                  |
| June ..                | 790         | 2,031                   | 2,134                  | 566              | 1,979                   | n.a.                   | 506                | 1,419                   | 469                 | 258         | 586                     | 405                  |
| 1958-59—               |             |                         |                        |                  |                         |                        |                    |                         |                     |             |                         |                      |
| July ..                | 339         | 2,038                   | 1,944                  | 369              | 2,889                   | n.a.                   | 496                | 1,279                   | 514                 | 100         | 454                     | 473                  |
| August ..              | 183         | 1,629                   | 2,014                  | 588              | 2,183                   | n.a.                   | 964                | 1,131                   | 543                 | 112         | 360                     | 533                  |
| September ..           | 1,003       | 1,864                   | 2,200                  | 371              | 2,687                   | n.a.                   | r1,613             | 488                     | 150                 | 626         | r532                    |                      |
| October ..             |             | 1,909                   |                        |                  | 2,451                   | n.a.                   |                    | 1,371                   |                     |             | 388                     |                      |

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory. (c) See C below. (d) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes the whole metropolitan area of Hobart. (e) See F below. (f) From June quarter, 1954, includes the approvals of Hospital Boards not previously collected. (g) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas". For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication

## NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes local government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, —, see page 1.

## VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

| Period.                   | Commenced.        |        |          | Completed.        |        |         | Under Construction at end of period. |         |           |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------|----------|-------------------|--------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
|                           | Houses and Flats. | Other. | Total.   | Houses and Flats. | Other. | Total.  | Houses and Flats.                    | Other.  | Total.    |
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b> |                   |        |          |                   |        |         |                                      |         |           |
| 1952-53 .. ..             | (a) 39,490        | 13,898 | a 53,388 | 49,313            | 16,584 | 65,897  | a 158,962                            | 114,779 | a 273,741 |
| 1953-54 .. ..             | a 49,254          | 23,428 | a 72,682 | 49,780            | 20,130 | 69,910  | a 163,798                            | 132,339 | a 296,137 |
| 1954-55(b) .. ..          | 53,263            | 31,710 | 84,973   | 55,529            | 23,063 | 78,592  | 162,978                              | 170,592 | 333,570   |
| 1955-56 .. ..             | 53,021            | 41,171 | 94,192   | 56,565            | 31,602 | 88,167  | 156,393                              | 218,652 | 375,045   |
| 1956-57 .. ..             | 52,355            | 37,386 | 89,741   | 52,434            | 37,957 | 90,391  | 161,478                              | 224,758 | 386,236   |
| 1957-58 .. ..             | 57,260            | 37,929 | 95,189   | 57,875            | 48,410 | 106,285 | 163,698                              | 191,772 | 355,470   |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>   |                   |        |          |                   |        |         |                                      |         |           |
| 1955-56—                  |                   |        |          |                   |        |         |                                      |         |           |
| June Qtr. .. ..           | 49,204            | 40,968 | 90,172   | 57,577            | 33,574 | 91,151  | 156,393                              | 218,652 | 375,045   |
| 1956-57—                  |                   |        |          |                   |        |         |                                      |         |           |
| Sept. .. ..               | 50,800            | 45,594 | 96,394   | 53,246            | 35,031 | 88,277  | 155,591                              | 232,211 | 387,802   |
| Dec. .. ..                | 50,821            | 34,143 | 84,964   | 55,052            | 36,514 | 91,566  | 152,607                              | 231,215 | 383,822   |
| Mar. .. ..                | 51,663            | 35,511 | 87,174   | 47,622            | 40,451 | 88,073  | 157,737                              | 228,378 | 386,115   |
| June .. ..                | 56,134            | 34,298 | 90,432   | 53,816            | 39,830 | 93,646  | 161,478                              | 224,758 | 386,236   |
| 1957-58—                  |                   |        |          |                   |        |         |                                      |         |           |
| Sept. .. ..               | 59,149            | 39,139 | 98,288   | 53,910            | 55,215 | 109,125 | 168,068                              | 212,075 | 380,143   |
| Dec. .. ..                | 53,014            | 31,753 | 84,767   | 61,801            | 44,466 | 106,267 | 160,581                              | 201,631 | 362,212   |
| Mar. .. ..                | 55,656            | 39,157 | 94,813   | 55,089            | 46,986 | 102,075 | 162,319                              | 196,037 | 358,356   |
| June .. ..                | 61,220            | 41,668 | 102,888  | 60,698            | 46,974 | 107,672 | 163,698                              | 191,772 | 355,470   |

(a) Partly estimated.

(b) From September quarter, 1954, includes the Northern Territory.

## VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses )

(£'000.)

| Period.                   | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total.  |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |         |
| 1952-53 .. ..             | 24,512           | 19,242    | 6,558       | 6,471            | 5,730              | 2,666     | n.a.                | 718                           | 65,897  |
| 1953-54 .. ..             | 25,386           | 21,680    | 6,478       | 6,527            | 6,446              | 2,423     | n.a.                | 970                           | 69,910  |
| 1954-55 .. ..             | 27,674           | 24,733    | 7,080       | 6,770            | 8,524              | 2,662     | 413                 | 736                           | 78,592  |
| 1955-56 .. ..             | 31,035           | 27,899    | 7,630       | 8,429            | 8,419              | 3,199     | 484                 | 1,072                         | 88,167  |
| 1956-57 .. ..             | 33,274           | 28,708    | 8,846       | 8,499            | 5,856              | 3,152     | 571                 | 1,485                         | 90,391  |
| 1957-58 .. ..             | 42,310           | 32,939    | 9,510       | 9,512            | 6,816              | 3,210     | 528                 | 1,460                         | 106,285 |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |         |
| 1955-56—                  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |         |
| June Qtr. .. ..           | 33,100           | 28,078    | 8,005       | 10,029           | 7,508              | 2,933     | 497                 | 1,001                         | 91,151  |
| 1956-57—                  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |         |
| Sept. .. ..               | 31,805           | 28,836    | 8,553       | 7,901            | 6,485              | 2,930     | 694                 | 1,073                         | 88,277  |
| Dec. .. ..                | 30,197           | 31,187    | 8,406       | 8,958            | 5,954              | 3,030     | 743                 | 3,091                         | 91,566  |
| Mar. .. ..                | 35,794           | 25,477    | 8,655       | 8,588            | 5,107              | 3,214     | 349                 | 889                           | 88,073  |
| June .. ..                | 35,298           | 29,330    | 9,769       | 8,550            | 5,878              | 3,435     | 499                 | 887                           | 93,646  |
| 1957-58—                  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |         |
| Sept. .. ..               | 44,859           | 33,424    | 9,815       | 9,012            | 6,297              | 3,192     | 698                 | 1,828                         | 109,125 |
| Dec. .. ..                | 40,688           | 31,954    | 10,263      | 10,178           | 8,044              | 3,312     | 502                 | 1,326                         | 106,267 |
| Mar. .. ..                | 41,293           | 31,470    | 9,952       | 9,083            | 6,433              | 2,715     | 311                 | 818                           | 102,075 |
| June .. ..                | 42,400           | 34,908    | 8,013       | 9,774            | 6,488              | 3,621     | 599                 | 1,869                         | 107,672 |

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

# NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS (a).

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

| Period.                              | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total.    |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| COMMENCED.                           |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |           |
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b>            |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |           |
| 1952-53 ..                           | (b)5,104         | 4,186     | 2,371       | 1,992            | 1,795              | 572       | n.a.                | 132                           | (b)16,152 |
| 1953-54 ..                           | (b)7,098         | 5,413     | 2,179       | 1,737            | 2,015              | 681       | n.a.                | 96                            | (b)19,219 |
| 1954-55 ..                           | 6,282            | 5,964     | 2,016       | 1,816            | 2,239              | 738       | 62                  | 192                           | 19,309    |
| 1955-56 ..                           | 6,096            | 5,490     | 1,847       | 2,127            | 1,672              | 631       | 85                  | 207                           | 18,155    |
| 1956-57 ..                           | 6,080            | 5,190     | 1,963       | 1,782            | 1,429              | 665       | 63                  | 192                           | 17,364    |
| 1957-58 ..                           | 6,461            | 5,804     | 1,836       | 1,863            | 1,390              | 616       | 78                  | 289                           | 18,337    |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>              |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |           |
| 1956-57—Sept. Qtr.                   | 5,839            | 4,964     | 2,265       | 1,837            | 1,204              | 539       | 103                 | 104                           | 16,855    |
| Dec. ..                              | 5,782            | 5,075     | 2,184       | 1,857            | 1,299              | 616       | 82                  | 99                            | 16,994    |
| Mar. ..                              | 5,949            | 5,203     | 1,766       | 1,620            | 1,644              | 754       | 28                  | 161                           | 17,125    |
| June ..                              | 6,751            | 5,517     | 1,637       | 1,813            | 1,571              | 751       | 38                  | 405                           | 18,483    |
| 1957-58—Sept. ..                     | 6,703            | 5,480     | 1,986       | 2,058            | 1,686              | 633       | 73                  | 301                           | 18,920    |
| Dec. ..                              | 6,057            | 5,392     | 1,612       | 1,778            | 1,249              | 582       | 38                  | 340                           | 17,048    |
| Mar. ..                              | 6,223            | 6,055     | 1,779       | 1,666            | 1,282              | 583       | 100                 | 198                           | 17,886    |
| June ..                              | 6,862            | 6,289     | 1,968       | 1,948            | 1,345              | 665       | 100                 | 316                           | 19,493    |
| 1958-59—Sept. ..                     | ,                | ,         |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               | p21,235   |
| COMPLETED.                           |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |           |
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b>            |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |           |
| 1952-53 ..                           | 6,638            | 5,494     | 2,663       | 2,250            | 2,016              | 832       | n.a.                | 159                           | 20,052    |
| 1953-54 ..                           | 6,881            | 5,571     | 2,279       | 1,905            | 1,960              | 661       | n.a.                | 138                           | 19,395    |
| 1954-55 ..                           | 7,396            | 6,155     | 2,059       | 1,857            | 2,277              | 632       | 50                  | 102                           | 20,528    |
| 1955-56 ..                           | 6,786            | 5,981     | 1,899       | 1,952            | 2,086              | 693       | 78                  | 151                           | 19,626    |
| 1956-57 ..                           | 5,782            | 5,270     | 1,848       | 1,856            | 1,349              | 716       | 82                  | 206                           | 17,109    |
| 1957-58 ..                           | 6,611            | 5,618     | 1,922       | 1,994            | 1,592              | 652       | 68                  | 189                           | 18,646    |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>              |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |           |
| 1956-57—Sept. Qtr.                   | 5,582            | 5,644     | 1,759       | 1,859            | 1,439              | 799       | 99                  | 183                           | 17,364    |
| Dec. ..                              | 5,841            | 5,527     | 1,996       | 2,084            | 1,419              | 815       | 86                  | 347                           | 18,115    |
| Mar. ..                              | 5,703            | 4,649     | 1,745       | 1,678            | 1,055              | 545       | 53                  | 134                           | 15,562    |
| June ..                              | 6,002            | 5,262     | 1,891       | 1,802            | 1,482              | 705       | 90                  | 161                           | 17,395    |
| 1957-58—Sept. ..                     | 5,824            | 5,119     | 2,030       | 2,020            | 1,664              | 665       | 85                  | 122                           | 17,529    |
| Dec. ..                              | 6,918            | 6,101     | 1,979       | 2,134            | 1,922              | 706       | 62                  | 223                           | 20,045    |
| Mar. ..                              | 6,479            | 5,289     | 1,872       | 1,870            | 1,301              | 615       | 53                  | 148                           | 17,627    |
| June ..                              | 7,224            | 5,962     | 1,807       | 1,954            | 1,480              | 621       | 75                  | 261                           | 19,384    |
| 1958-59—Sept. ..                     | ,                | ,         |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               | p19,876   |
| UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD. |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |           |
| 1952-53 ..                           | (b)24,484        | 22,360    | 3,993       | 6,520            | 6,186              | 2,115     | n.a.                | 646                           | (b)66,304 |
| 1953-54 ..                           | (b)25,348        | 21,730    | 3,593       | 5,865            | 6,406              | 2,195     | n.a.                | 477                           | (b)65,614 |
| 1954-55 ..                           | 20,875           | 20,964    | 3,421       | 5,684            | 6,253              | 2,621     | 211                 | 837                           | 60,866    |
| 1955-56 ..                           | 18,103           | 18,978    | 3,213       | 6,373            | 4,596              | 2,375     | 240                 | 1,057                         | 54,935    |
| 1956-57 ..                           | 19,248           | 18,655    | 3,674       | 6,038            | 4,919              | 2,171     | 163                 | 1,001                         | 55,869    |
| 1957-58 ..                           | 18,640           | 19,400    | 3,331       | 5,510            | 4,114              | 2,027     | 199                 | 1,402                         | 54,623    |
| 1956-57—Sept. Qtr. ..                | 18,358           | 18,298    | 3,719       | 6,348            | 4,361              | 2,115     | 244                 | 978                           | 54,421    |
| Dec. ..                              | 18,263           | 17,846    | 3,907       | 6,114            | 4,241              | 1,916     | 240                 | 730                           | 53,257    |
| Mar. ..                              | 18,506           | 18,400    | 3,928       | 6,027            | 4,830              | 2,125     | 215                 | 757                           | 54,788    |
| June ..                              | 19,248           | 18,655    | 3,674       | 6,038            | 4,919              | 2,171     | 163                 | 1,001                         | 55,869    |
| 1957-58—Sept. ..                     | 20,127           | 19,016    | 3,630       | 6,076            | 4,941              | 2,139     | 151                 | 1,180                         | 57,260    |
| Dec. ..                              | 19,267           | 18,307    | 3,263       | 5,720            | 4,268              | 2,015     | 127                 | 1,297                         | 54,264    |
| Mar. ..                              | 19,006           | 19,073    | 3,170       | 5,516            | 4,249              | 1,983     | 174                 | 1,347                         | 54,518    |
| June ..                              | 18,640           | 19,400    | 3,331       | 5,510            | 4,114              | 2,027     | 199                 | 1,402                         | 54,623    |
| 1958-59—Sept. ..                     | ,                | ,         |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               | p55,982   |

(a) Individual living units. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted.

(b) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, —, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

| Period.                 | Black Coal.   |            |            | Brown Coal. | Gold, (Mine Production). (a) | Heat, Light and Power. |                              | Metals.    |              |                    |   |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|---|---------------------|
|                         | Under-ground. | Open Cut.  | Total.     |             |                              | Gas made in Gas-works. | Total Electricity Generated. | Pig Iron.  | Ingot Steel. | Zinc, Refined. (b) | Lead, Refined and Lead in Lead Bullion. (b) | Copper, Refined (b) |
|                         | '000 tons.    | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons.  | '000 fine oz.                | Million cubic feet.    | Million kWh.                 | '000 tons. | '000 tons.   | Tons.              | Tons.                                       | Tons.               |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              |            |              |                    |   |                     |
| 1936-37 ..              | 976           | 1          | 977        | 258         | 108.2                        | 1,679                  | 331                          | 76.1       | 90.0         | 5,840              | 17,562                                      | 1,280               |
| 1937-38 ..              | 988           | 2          | 990        | 300         | 123.3                        | 1,746                  | 363                          | 77.5       | 97.2         | 5,810              | 18,797                                      | 1,437               |
| 1938-39 ..              | 1,048         | 3          | 1,051      | 267         | 135.1                        | 1,789                  | 391                          | 92.1       | 97.5         | 5,819              | 19,416                                      | 1,457               |
| 1951-52 ..              | 1,243         | 355        | 1,598      | 675         | 75.7                         | 3,366                  | 941                          | 119.2      | 126.8        | 7,011              | 15,680                                      | 1,485               |
| 1952-53 ..              | 1,251         | 294        | 1,545      | 673         | 86.5                         | 3,439                  | 1,004                        | 141.0      | 150.1        | 7,181              | 16,030                                      | 1,595               |
| 1953-54 ..              | 1,362         | 257        | 1,619      | 728         | 92.6                         | 3,508                  | 1,142                        | 152.2      | 176.4        | 8,263              | 19,669                                      | 1,742               |
| 1954-55 ..              | 1,393         | 220        | 1,613      | 806         | 90.0                         | 3,622                  | 1,264                        | 155.7      | 184.1        | 8,372              | 19,613                                      | 2,533               |
| 1955-56 ..              | 1,403         | 183        | 1,586      | 865         | 86.0                         | 3,719                  | 1,399                        | 159.2      | 193.4        | 8,659              | 18,399                                      | 2,039               |
| 1956-57 ..              | 1,469         | 174        | 1,643      | 898         | 88.5                         | 3,878                  | 1,531                        | 174.8      | 237.8        | 8,879              | 19,982                                      | 2,711               |
| 1957-58 p ..            | 1,519         | 178        | 1,697      | 906         | 90.3                         | r4,024                 | r1,649                       | 190.3      | 258.8        | 9,592              | 21,437                                      | 2,986               |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              |            |              |                    |   |                     |
| <b>1956-57—</b>         |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              |            |              |                    |   |                     |
| October ..              | 1,709         | 192        | 1,901      | 951         | 86.5                         | 3,960                  | 1,538                        | 158.0      | 226.5        | 9,052              | 21,161                                      |                     |
| November ..             | 1,636         | 201        | 1,837      | 892         | 96.1                         | 3,679                  | 1,486                        | 187.7      | 247.7        | 8,776              | 20,354                                      |                     |
| December ..             | 1,125         | 146        | 1,271      | 723         | 83.0                         | 3,421                  | 1,394                        | 193.4      | 247.0        | 9,365              | 19,650                                      | n.a.                |
| January ..              | 976           | 111        | 1,087      | 830         | 84.4                         | 3,279                  | 1,410                        | 189.9      | 260.4        | 9,077              | 18,732                                      | 1,366               |
| February ..             | 1,476         | 149        | 1,625      | 835         | 80.7                         | 3,158                  | 1,388                        | 170.9      | 237.5        | 8,152              | 17,118                                      | 3,555               |
| March ..                | 1,453         | 159        | 1,612      | 892         | 88.6                         | 3,584                  | 1,543                        | 174.4      | 254.5        | 9,030              | 18,024                                      | 3,498               |
| April ..                | 1,374         | 159        | 1,533      | 887         | 90.7                         | 3,629                  | 1,502                        | 168.1      | 246.9        | 8,962              | 17,188                                      | 3,288               |
| May ..                  | 1,578         | 200        | 1,778      | 966         | 87.3                         | 4,313                  | 1,693                        | 173.3      | 250.5        | 9,229              | 21,253                                      | 2,734               |
| June ..                 | 1,423         | 160        | 1,583      | 916         | 96.5                         | 4,257                  | 1,616                        | 181.7      | 246.8        | 7,482              | 20,034                                      | 2,689               |
| <b>1957-58 p—</b>       |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              |            |              |                    |   |                     |
| July ..                 | 1,711         | 202        | 1,913      | 986         | 106.2                        | 4,965                  | 1,817                        | 198.8      | 264.2        | 10,919             | 19,988                                      | 2,666               |
| August ..               | 1,654         | 191        | 1,845      | 972         | 86.9                         | 4,708                  | 1,773                        | 196.3      | 271.7        | 9,532              | 21,839                                      | 1,864               |
| September ..            | 1,636         | 188        | 1,824      | 907         | 87.8                         | 4,378                  | 1,641                        | 182.2      | 261.5        | 9,196              | 20,313                                      | 2,521               |
| October ..              | 1,746         | 194        | 1,940      | 920         | 88.8                         | 4,109                  | r1,665                       | 188.0      | 263.9        | 9,669              | 21,732                                      | 2,774               |
| November ..             | 1,641         | 190        | 1,831      | 879         | 91.9                         | 3,729                  | 1,584                        | 182.0      | 246.4        | 9,394              | 21,926                                      | 3,105               |
| December ..             | 1,218         | 129        | 1,347      | 753         | 94.3                         | 3,521                  | 1,530                        | 202.1      | 250.9        | 9,706              | 20,895                                      | 2,820               |
| January ..              | 1,101         | 132        | 1,233      | 851         | 92.4                         | r3,429                 | r1,518                       | 197.5      | 269.9        | 9,657              | 21,050                                      | 2,248               |
| February ..             | 1,467         | 194        | 1,661      | 807         | 84.1                         | 3,232                  | 1,468                        | 172.6      | 232.6        | 8,609              | 18,865                                      | 2,920               |
| March ..                | 1,486         | 184        | 1,670      | 889         | 85.5                         | 3,663                  | 1,632                        | 196.6      | 265.9        | 9,560              | 22,901                                      | 3,708               |
| April ..                | 1,444         | 176        | 1,620      | 902         | 81.7                         | 3,701                  | r1,588                       | 186.5      | 254.2        | 9,306              | 22,985                                      | 3,414               |
| May ..                  | 1,565         | 204        | 1,769      | 1,002       | 88.1                         | 4,203                  | r1,766                       | 199.5      | 277.6        | 9,748              | 22,598                                      | 3,537               |
| June ..                 | 1,553         | 155        | 1,708      | 1,001       | 95.9                         | 4,646                  | 1,813                        | 178.9      | r256.6       | 9,811              | 22,151                                      | 4,253               |
| <b>1958-59p—</b>        |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              |            |              |                    |   |                     |
| July ..                 | 1,812         | 199        | 2,011      | 1,118       | 107.1                        | 5,131                  | 1,968                        | 190.0      | 270.5        | 9,591              | 19,131                                      | 3,946               |
| August ..               | 1,658         | 173        | 1,831      | 1,060       | 85.0                         | 4,786                  | 1,852                        | 194.7      | 267.2        | 9,888              | 19,802                                      |                     |
| September ..            | 1,624         | 173        | 1,797      | 1,061       | 98.6                         |                        | 1,775                        | 189.2      | 263.6        | 9,663              | r19,997                                     |                     |
| October ..              |               |            |            | 1,032       |                              |                        | 1,774                        | 182.0      | 265.3        |                    | 18,284                                      |                     |

(a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia.  
 Association.

(b) Source : Bureau of Mineral Resources and Australian Mines and Metals

(c) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

| Period.                 | Building Materials. |                  |         |                               |                                  |                     |                               | Cooking Stoves.    |          |                  | Domestic<br>Refrigerators. |  |
|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------|------------------|----------------------------|--|
|                         | Clay<br>Bricks.     | Roofing Tiles.   |         | Cement<br>Building<br>Sheets. | Sawn<br>Native<br>Timber.<br>(a) | Portland<br>Cement. | Fibrous<br>Plaster<br>Sheets. | Solid<br>Fuel. (b) | Gas. (b) | Electric.<br>(c) |                            |  |
|                         |                     | Terra-<br>cotta. | Cement. |                               |                                  |                     |                               |                    |          |                  |                            |  |
|                         | Million.            | '000.            | '000.   | '000<br>sq. yds.<br>(d)       | Million<br>sup. ft.              | '000<br>tons.       | '000<br>sq. yds.              | No.                | No.      | No.              | No.                        |  |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                     |                  |         |                               |                                  |                     |                               |                    |          |                  |                            |  |
| 1936-37 ..              | 53.1                | 2,630            | 326     | 522                           | 53.6                             | 60.0                | 567                           | n.a.               | n.a.     | n.a.             | n.a.                       |  |
| 1937-38 ..              | 57.4                | 3,023            | 430     | 678                           | 62.2                             | 71.0                | 619                           | 4,562              | 3,481    | 749              | 1,257                      |  |
| 1938-39 ..              | 60.0                | 3,307            | 374     | 791                           | 59.8                             | 72.3                | 634                           | 4,538              | 3,894    | 730              | 2,458                      |  |
| 1951-52 ..              | 60.0                | 4,072            | 5,540   | 1,944                         | 116.0                            | 103.1               | 1,373                         | 5,975              | 4,251    | 4,240            | 16,066                     |  |
| 1952-53 ..              | 55.6                | 4,831            | 3,338   | 2,022                         | 111.6                            | 119.9               | 1,285                         | 3,994              | 2,978    | 1,883            | 15,179                     |  |
| 1953-54 ..              | 66.8                | 5,315            | 3,721   | 2,174                         | 116.7                            | 141.7               | 1,349                         | 4,198              | 3,587    | 3,098            | 22,874                     |  |
| 1954-55 ..              | 69.9                | 5,328            | 4,477   | 2,340                         | 120.8                            | 160.0               | 1,482                         | 4,147              | 4,897    | 3,929            | 23,381                     |  |
| 1955-56 ..              | 70.0                | 5,392            | 4,483   | 2,208                         | 121.2                            | 169.6               | (e) 1,510                     | 3,942              | 4,753    | 3,984            | 20,617                     |  |
| 1956-57 p..             | 67.1                | 4,837            | 3,879   | 2,121                         | 119.5                            | 186.3               | 1,307                         | 3,731              | 4,539    | 4,291            | 16,077                     |  |
| 1957-58 p..             | r73.6               | 4,951            | 4,027   | 2,190                         | 116.7                            | 193.3               | r1,395                        | 3,748              | 4,693    | 4,618            | 16,140                     |  |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                     |                  |         |                               |                                  |                     |                               |                    |          |                  |                            |  |
| 1956-57 p—              |                     |                  |         |                               |                                  |                     |                               |                    |          |                  |                            |  |
| September               | 66.3                | 5,102            | 3,889   | 2,239                         | 125.3                            | 176.8               | 1,311                         | 3,626              | 5,345    | 4,383            | 19,292                     |  |
| October ..              | 74.6                | 5,521            | 4,337   | 2,178                         | 139.5                            | 203.6               | 1,422                         | 4,670              | 5,901    | 5,399            | 26,480                     |  |
| November                | 70.9                | 4,959            | 3,719   | 2,082                         | 141.5                            | 191.6               | 1,403                         | 3,625              | 4,994    | 5,476            | 23,744                     |  |
| December                | 51.7                | 3,847            | 2,714   | 1,945                         | 115.8                            | 167.1               | 1,028                         | 2,916              | 3,403    | 4,146            | 18,926                     |  |
| January ..              | 50.2                | 3,356            | 2,880   | 1,346                         | 92.3                             | 151.8               | 1,024                         | 2,824              | 2,814    | 2,587            | 16,143                     |  |
| February                | 65.7                | 4,626            | 3,904   | 2,096                         | 113.4                            | 171.2               | 1,321                         | 2,834              | 3,822    | 3,612            | 13,106                     |  |
| March ..                | 69.8                | 4,712            | 3,970   | 2,492                         | 112.6                            | 199.9               | 1,338                         | 3,746              | 3,999    | 4,348            | 12,957                     |  |
| April ..                | 67.9                | 4,817            | 4,069   | 1,997                         | 107.4                            | 197.7               | 1,260                         | 3,707              | 3,625    | 3,964            | 10,567                     |  |
| May ..                  | 77.7                | 5,551            | 4,928   | 2,492                         | 123.2                            | 203.7               | 1,449                         | 4,709              | 4,636    | 4,671            | 11,409                     |  |
| June ..                 | 68.0                | 4,940            | 4,059   | 2,402                         | 121.1                            | 195.2               | 1,300                         | 3,573              | 3,794    | 3,484            | 9,888                      |  |
| 1957-58 p—              |                     |                  |         |                               |                                  |                     |                               |                    |          |                  |                            |  |
| July ..                 | 77.8                | 5,511            | 4,403   | 2,281                         | 115.4                            | 207.1               | r1,456                        | 4,080              | 4,690    | 5,753            | 11,428                     |  |
| August ..               | 75.4                | 5,115            | 4,357   | 2,364                         | 119.5                            | 200.4               | r1,422                        | 4,500              | 5,190    | 4,227            | 12,692                     |  |
| September               | 75.2                | 5,209            | 3,958   | 2,181                         | 115.4                            | 186.1               | r1,441                        | 4,178              | 5,589    | 4,320            | 16,347                     |  |
| October ..              | 82.7                | 5,538            | 4,516   | 2,236                         | 131.6                            | 202.0               | r1,610                        | 5,352              | 6,126    | 5,255            | 21,972                     |  |
| November                | 79.4                | 5,123            | 4,259   | 2,563                         | 125.7                            | 200.8               | r1,503                        | 4,469              | 5,250    | 5,050            | 24,552                     |  |
| December                | 61.5                | 4,137            | 3,148   | 1,692                         | 110.8                            | 169.2               | r1,125                        | 3,108              | 4,148    | 4,431            | 21,283                     |  |
| January                 | 56.1                | 3,767            | 3,087   | 1,352                         | 98.2                             | 166.6               | r1,100                        | 2,522              | 3,816    | 3,141            | 17,975                     |  |
| February                | 69.8                | 4,925            | 4,114   | 2,217                         | 109.4                            | 177.7               | r1,417                        | 3,281              | 4,761    | 4,556            | 15,716                     |  |
| March ..                | 74.2                | 4,938            | 4,140   | 2,500                         | 120.6                            | 199.6               | 1,384                         | 2,985              | 4,272    | 4,994            | 13,907                     |  |
| April ..                | 73.0                | 4,983            | 3,929   | 2,037                         | 107.9                            | 195.7               | r1,384                        | 3,347              | 4,305    | 4,142            | 11,510                     |  |
| May ..                  | r82.8               | 5,235            | 4,429   | 2,772                         | 123.4                            | 208.9               | r1,499                        | 3,871              | 4,234    | 4,983            | 13,138                     |  |
| June ..                 | r75.4               | 4,936            | 3,980   | 2,081                         | 122.2                            | 205.7               | r1,401                        | 3,281              | 3,940    | 4,565            | 13,161                     |  |
| 1958-59 p..             |                     |                  |         |                               |                                  |                     |                               |                    |          |                  |                            |  |
| July ..                 | r87.3               | 5,392            | 4,324   | 2,353                         | 124.4                            | 208.7               | r1,596                        | 3,959              | 5,347    | 5,637            | 18,581                     |  |
| August ..               | r79.7               | r4,959           | 4,084   | 2,553                         | 135.6                            | 215.2               | 1,506                         | 4,177              | 5,558    | 5,173            | 19,844                     |  |
| September               | 86.7                | 5,145            | 4,419   | 2,184                         |                                  | 212.7               | 1,564                         | 4,143              | 6,662    | 5,196            | 21,459                     |  |

(a) Includes sawn sleepers.

(b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation. (e) From July, 1955, represents total production in all establishments and includes small quantities not previously recorded in some States.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

| Period.                 | Cotton Textiles. |   |               | Pure Rayon Fabrics. | Wool Textiles.               |             |                  | Boots Shoes and Sandals (not Rubber). (a) |
|-------------------------|------------------|---|---------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------|------------------|---|
|                         | Cotton Yarn.     | Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling). |               |                     | Scoured and Carbonized Wool. | Yarn.       | Woven Cloth.     |   |
|                         | '000 lb.         | '000 sq. yds.                                       | '000 sq. yds. |                     | Million lb.                  | Million lb. | Million sq. yds. | '000 pairs.                               |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                  |   |               |                     |                              |             |                  |   |
| 1936-37                 | ..               | 730   | n.a.          | n.a.                | 8.4                          | 2.14        | 2.04             | 1,208                                     |
| 1937-38                 | ..               | 965   | n.a.          | n.a.                | 7.9                          | 2.51        | 2.47             | 1,176                                     |
| 1938-39                 | ..               | 974   | n.a.          | n.a.                | 8.8                          | 2.71        | 2.65             | 1,164                                     |
| 1951-52                 | ..               | 2,872   | 2,617         | 905                 | 10.1                         | 3.04        | 2.42             | 1,586                                     |
| 1952-53                 | ..               | 2,302   | 2,052         | 1,289               | 10.3                         | 2.97        | 2.39             | 1,498                                     |
| 1953-54                 | ..               | 3,175   | 2,678         | 1,686               | 11.4                         | 3.83        | 2.73             | 1,706                                     |
| 1954-55                 | ..               | 3,458   | 2,753         | 1,259               | 11.3                         | 3.56        | 2.38             | 1,657                                     |
| 1955-56                 | ..               | 3,379   | 3,222         | 1,308               | 12.1                         | 3.60        | 2.33             | 1,651                                     |
| 1956-57 p               | ..               | 3,555   | 3,856         | 1,878               | 13.7                         | 4.02        | 2.74             | 1,737                                     |
| 1957-58 p               | ..               | 3,708   | 3,697         | 1,775               | 12.8                         | r3.82       | 2.68             | 1,774                                     |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                  |   |               |                     |                              |             |                  |   |
| 1956-57 p—              |                  |   |               |                     |                              |             |                  |   |
| September               | ..               | 3,521   | 3,831         | 1,575               | 11.9                         | 4.01        | 2.71             | 1,931                                     |
| October                 | ..               | 4,029   | 4,276         | 1,714               | 13.2                         | 4.55        | 3.20             | 2,153                                     |
| November                | ..               | 3,561   | 3,938         | 1,765               | 13.8                         | 4.19        | 2.92             | 1,949                                     |
| December                | ..               | 2,554   | 2,852         | 1,252               | 12.3                         | 3.00        | 2.06             | 1,369                                     |
| January                 | ..               | 2,939   | 3,128         | 1,761               | 11.9                         | 2.97        | 2.20             | 1,131                                     |
| February                | ..               | 3,571   | 4,014         | 2,017               | 14.7                         | 4.33        | 2.92             | 1,559                                     |
| March                   | ..               | 3,598   | 3,851         | 2,443               | 14.6                         | 4.32        | 2.96             | 1,664                                     |
| April                   | ..               | 3,458   | 3,875         | 2,053               | 13.9                         | 4.07        | 2.73             | 1,616                                     |
| May                     | ..               | 4,134   | 4,476         | 2,297               | 16.0                         | 4.71        | 3.11             | 1,897                                     |
| June                    | ..               | 3,659   | 3,982         | 2,496               | 15.3                         | 3.98        | 2.66             | 1,662                                     |
| 1957-58 p—              |                  |   |               |                     |                              |             |                  |   |
| July                    | ..               | 4,307   | 4,435         | 2,425               | 15.7                         | r4.34       | 2.99             | 1,926                                     |
| August                  | ..               | 3,834   | 3,929         | 2,168               | 13.4                         | r4.07       | 2.82             | 1,930                                     |
| September               | ..               | 3,723   | 3,761         | 2,165               | 12.6                         | r4.04       | 2.92             | 1,961                                     |
| October                 | ..               | 4,173   | r3,989        | 2,096               | 13.7                         | 4.48        | 3.17             | 2,159                                     |
| November                | ..               | 3,927   | 3,700         | 1,735               | 14.0                         | 4.14        | 3.03             | 2,054                                     |
| December                | ..               | 2,822   | 2,617         | 1,260               | 12.2                         | 3.13        | 2.17             | 1,535                                     |
| January                 | ..               | 3,012   | 3,064         | 1,188               | 10.6                         | 3.08        | 2.19             | 1,163                                     |
| February                | ..               | 3,739   | 3,744         | 1,692               | 12.7                         | r3.98       | 2.97             | 1,647                                     |
| March                   | ..               | 3,806   | r3,728        | 1,680               | 13.4                         | r3.92       | 2.91             | 1,701                                     |
| April                   | ..               | 3,903   | 3,874         | 1,527               | 10.5                         | r3.68       | 2.69             | 1,674                                     |
| May                     | ..               | 3,798   | r3,906        | 1,550               | 12.5                         | r3.71       | 2.33             | 1,827                                     |
| June                    | ..               | 3,448   | r3,620        | 1,818               | 12.6                         | r3.30       | 1.94             | r1,716                                    |
| 1958-59 p—              |                  |   |               |                     |                              |             |                  |   |
| July                    | ..               | 3,957   | 3,865         | 1,531               | 12.4                         | r3.33       | 2.11             | 2,148                                     |
| August                  | ..               | 3,551   | 3,561         | 1,463               | 10.4                         | r3.03       | 2.00             | 2,262                                     |
| September               | ..               | 3,500   | 3,672         | 1,532               | 11.2                         | 3.43        | 2.20             | 2,424                                     |

(a) Includes Infants Soft Soled Nursery prior to July, 1956.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

| Period.                 | Hosiery.            |  |                     |   | Underwear.(a)                      |                                      | Shirts,<br>Men's<br>and<br>Boys'. |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                         | Men's.<br>(b)       | Women's.<br>Full Fash.<br>and Circular.<br>(c) | Children's.         | Anklets (All<br>Types) and<br>Infants' and<br>Babies' Wear. | Men's,<br>Youths'<br>and<br>Boys'. | Women's,<br>Maids'<br>and<br>Girls'. |                                   |
|                         | '000 doz.<br>pairs. | '000 doz.<br>pairs.                            | '000 doz.<br>pairs. | '000 doz.<br>pairs.   | '000 doz.                          | '000 doz.                            | '000 doz.                         |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                     |  |                     |   |                                    |                                      |                                   |
| 1936-37 .. ..           | 83.1                | 157.1  | (d)49.1             | (e)   | 191.8                              |                                      | (f)60.6                           |
| 1937-38 .. ..           | 86.7                | 183.7  | (d)52.0             | (e)   | 227.6                              |                                      | (f)69.9                           |
| 1938-39 .. ..           | 91.9                | 178.0  | (d)51.0             | (e)   | 229.2                              |                                      | (f)56.2                           |
| <b>1951-52 .. ..</b>    | <b>121.8</b>        | <b>128.7</b>                                   | (g)                 | 65.3<br>73.6<br>101.2<br>93.9<br>88.6                       | <b>105.6</b>                       | <b>196.6</b>                         | <b>96.5</b>                       |
| 1952-53 .. ..           | 131.2               | 156.4  |                     |   | 93.6                               | 173.7                                | 73.4                              |
| 1953-54 .. ..           | 157.9               | 179.1  |                     |   | 120.8                              | 224.4                                | 103.3                             |
| 1954-55 .. ..           | 138.7               | 201.8  |                     |   | 119.6                              | 235.4                                | 117.5                             |
| 1955-56 .. ..           | 130.0               | 192.0  |                     |   | 130.3                              | 234.4                                | 109.1                             |
| 1956-57 p .. ..         | 120.9               | 236.1  |                     |   | 138.1                              | 242.4                                | 117.9                             |
| 1957-58 p .. ..         | 122.6               | 209.1  | 60.5                | (h) 9.2<br>r8.6   | 150.6                              | r240.7                               | r127.6                            |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                     |  |                     |   | (h)                                |                                      |                                   |
| <b>1956-57 p—</b>       |                     |  |                     |   |                                    |                                      |                                   |
| September .. ..         | 133.1               | 242.4  | 71.7                | 10.5  | 143.0                              | 240.9                                | 139.1                             |
| October .. ..           | 150.7               | 274.8  | 76.0                | 12.0  | 171.2                              | 297.5                                | 165.6                             |
| November .. ..          | 134.6               | 259.4  | 70.3                | 10.8  | 156.2                              | 280.0                                | 146.3                             |
| December .. ..          | 91.4                | 188.6  | 55.0                | 7.7   | 116.9                              | 221.2                                | 102.2                             |
| January .. ..           | 78.8                | 174.3  | 45.8                | 5.5   | 101.2                              | 172.5                                | 59.2                              |
| February .. ..          | 116.8               | 242.8  | 70.7                | 8.3   | 145.9                              | 261.2                                | 100.5                             |
| March .. ..             | 123.5               | 248.0  | 70.3                | 7.5   | 141.8                              | 247.1                                | 96.1                              |
| April .. ..             | 117.0               | 222.6  | 61.3                | 8.1   | 121.4                              | 211.2                                | 99.3                              |
| May .. ..               | 130.9               | 251.9  | 69.1                | 8.8   | 148.4                              | 243.1                                | 122.3                             |
| June .. ..              | 114.4               | 226.0  | 59.0                | 8.8   | 125.1                              | 211.6                                | 109.9                             |
| <b>1957-58 p—</b>       |                     |  |                     |   |                                    |                                      |                                   |
| July .. ..              | 127.3               | 247.6  | 65.0                | 10.1  | 151.1                              | r252.2                               | 155.7                             |
| August .. ..            | 131.2               | 225.9  | 63.9                | 7.9   | r165.3                             | r242.8                               | 154.1                             |
| September .. ..         | 127.9               | 203.9  | 63.0                | 8.5   | 161.6                              | r241.0                               | 158.5                             |
| October .. ..           | 145.1               | 233.4  | 63.8                | 11.6  | 182.3                              | 284.3                                | 176.7                             |
| November .. ..          | 145.9               | 227.0  | 61.8                | 9.9   | r159.5                             | 276.0                                | 156.5                             |
| December .. ..          | 107.6               | 180.5  | 45.2                | 10.3  | 132.4                              | r226.2                               | 115.7                             |
| January .. ..           | 79.5                | 142.2  | 41.5                | 6.1   | r102.8                             | 173.3                                | r61.7                             |
| February .. ..          | 125.1               | 204.6  | 66.2                | 7.4   | r153.3                             | 253.7                                | r102.8                            |
| March .. ..             | 120.3               | 203.9  | 63.4                | 7.8   | 153.6                              | 243.7                                | 97.0                              |
| April .. ..             | 113.8               | 191.8  | 61.0                | 7.8   | 153.5                              | r239.0                               | 100.7                             |
| May .. ..               | 131.6               | 229.4  | 67.0                | r8.5  | r150.0                             | r238.1                               | r123.5                            |
| June .. ..              | 116.1               | 219.4  | 63.9                | 7.1   | 142.0                              | 218.0                                | 128.2                             |
| <b>1958-59 p—</b>       |                     |  |                     |   |                                    |                                      |                                   |
| July .. ..              | 117.5               | 247.5  | r71.3               | 8.4   | 177.7                              | 272.7                                | 166.8                             |
| August .. ..            | 111.0               | 237.4  | 70.6                | 8.8   | 155.3                              | 248.5                                | 155.8                             |
| September .. ..         | 123.2               | 245.2  | 73.2                | 7.6   | 169.7                              | 266.1                                | 175.9                             |

(a) Total made including that knitted or made of knitted or woven fabric. (b) Includes Boys' prior to July, 1956.  
 (c) Includes Maids' and Girls' stockings and all anklets subsequent to June, 1956. (d) Includes Infants' and Babies'. (e) Included with Children's. (f) Excludes knitted. (g) Included with Men's and Women's. (h) Infants' (sizes 0 to 3) only.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

| Period.                     | Wheaten<br>Flour.      | Refined<br>Sugar. | Whole<br>Milk<br>for All<br>Purposes. | Dairy Products (Factory<br>Production). |         |   | Meat (Bone-in Weight). (a)     |               |               |                                 |               | Beer.         |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---------|---|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                             |                        |                   |                                       | Butter.                                 | Cheese. | Processed<br>Full<br>Cream<br>Milk<br>Products. | Beef (in-<br>cluding<br>Veal). | Mutton.       | Lamb.         | Total<br>Pigmeats<br>(as Pork). | Total.<br>(b) |               |
|                             | '000<br>short<br>tons. | '000<br>tons.     | Million<br>gals.                      | Tons.                                   | Tons.   | '000<br>gals. (c)                               | '000<br>tons.                  | '000<br>tons. | '000<br>tons. | '000<br>tons.                   | '000<br>tons. | '000<br>gals. |
| <b>Monthly<br/>Average—</b> |                        |                   |                                       |   |         |   |                                |               |               |                                 |               |               |
| 1936-37                     | 102.4                  | 27.0              | 89.9                                  | 13,908                                  | 1,636   | n.a.  | 45.9                           | 16.0          | 10.0          | 7.7                             | 79.6          | 6,261         |
| 1937-38                     | 104.2                  | 28.9              | 96.4                                  | 15,242                                  | 2,018   | n.a.  | 49.7                           | 17.2          | 9.9           | 7.2                             | 84.0          | 7,084         |
| 1938-39                     | 114.4                  | 28.2              | 99.2                                  | 16,232                                  | 2,415   | 2,781   | 46.6                           | 17.1          | 9.6           | 7.2                             | 80.5          | 7,523         |
| 1951-52                     | 143.4                  | 41.1              | 87.3                                  | 10,931                                  | 3,382   | 6,375   | 48.5                           | 14.6          | 8.9           | 7.1                             | 79.1          | 15,398        |
| 1952-53                     | 143.9                  | 36.7              | 101.3                                 | 13,632                                  | 3,883   | 6,971   | 56.2                           | 20.8          | 12.2          | 6.9                             | 96.1          | 16,446        |
| 1953-54                     | 134.1                  | 37.4              | 99.1                                  | 13,010                                  | 4,087   | 6,333   | 58.7                           | 19.8          | 10.6          | 7.0                             | 96.1          | 17,380        |
| 1954-55                     | 129.4                  | 40.1              | 110.5                                 | 15,667                                  | 3,765   | 5,364   | 60.0                           | 20.0          | 12.3          | 8.3                             | 100.6         | 18,473        |
| 1955-56                     | 130.9                  | 41.0              | 116.8                                 | 17,149                                  | 3,223   | 5,944   | 62.6                           | 19.5          | 12.1          | 7.8                             | 102.0         | 18,958        |
| 1956-57                     | p138.1                 | p40.0             | 113.2                                 | 15,820                                  | 3,764   | 6,510   | 67.9                           | 18.6          | 11.9          | 7.4                             | 105.8         | p18,793       |
| 1957-58p                    | 112.6                  | 42.9              | 105.1                                 | 14,388                                  | 2,904   | 6,398   | 64.7                           | 21.8          | 12.5          | 8.1                             | 107.1         | 19,450        |
| <b>Monthly<br/>Total—</b>   |                        |                   |                                       |   |         |   |                                |               |               |                                 |               |               |
| 1956-57—                    | p                      |                   |                                       |   |         |   |                                |               |               |                                 |               | p             |
| Sept. . .                   | 147.9                  | 41.4              | 123.3                                 | 17,294                                  | 5,013   | 7,758   | 66.6                           | 16.5          | 12.1          | 6.4                             | 101.6         | 17,495        |
| Oct. . .                    | 144.1                  | 44.4              | 162.0                                 | 24,207                                  | 6,570   | 10,399  | 65.6                           | 18.4          | 15.1          | 7.8                             | 106.9         | 22,129        |
| Nov. . .                    | 146.3                  | 42.9              | 162.2                                 | 24,430                                  | 6,427   | 10,128  | 67.5                           | 19.4          | 16.0          | 8.8                             | 111.7         | 22,160        |
| Dec. . .                    | 141.7                  | 40.6              | 158.8                                 | 24,087                                  | 5,800   | 9,650   | 58.7                           | 18.5          | 16.8          | 10.3                            | 104.3         | 23,555        |
| Jan. . .                    | 140.0                  | 35.8              | 146.4                                 | 22,166                                  | 4,567   | 8,691   | 55.2                           | 20.0          | 12.2          | 6.0                             | 93.4          | 21,089        |
| Feb. . .                    | 135.0                  | 37.6              | 113.3                                 | 16,332                                  | 3,078   | 6,498   | 59.4                           | 19.9          | 10.2          | 6.6                             | 96.1          | 18,215        |
| Mar. . .                    | 138.9                  | 42.6              | 103.3                                 | 14,158                                  | 2,721   | 5,569   | 69.0                           | 20.0          | 10.5          | 7.1                             | 106.6         | 18,313        |
| Apr. . .                    | 116.1                  | p36.3             | 82.2                                  | 10,523                                  | 1,902   | 3,968   | 64.0                           | 18.5          | 9.6           | 7.2                             | 99.3          | 17,595        |
| May . .                     | 136.5                  | p41.6             | 68.3                                  | 7,727                                   | 1,601   | 3,196   | 84.5                           | 20.7          | 12.0          | 7.7                             | 124.9         | 17,693        |
| June . .                    | 127.5                  | p39.1             | 58.9                                  | 5,899                                   | 1,539   | 2,838   | 82.5                           | 18.9          | 10.3          | 7.2                             | 118.9         | 14,849        |
| <b>1957-58p—</b>            |                        |                   |                                       |   |         |   |                                |               |               |                                 |               |               |
| July . .                    | 138.5                  | 40.8              | 68.9                                  | 7,569                                   | 2,022   | 3,471   | 82.6                           | 17.6          | 9.0           | 7.5                             | 116.7         | 16,644        |
| Aug. . .                    | 139.5                  | 41.7              | 89.7                                  | 11,257                                  | 2,924   | 5,514   | 74.1                           | 16.7          | 9.0           | 7.4                             | 107.2         | 15,635        |
| Sept. . .                   | 123.5                  | 43.9              | 120.8                                 | 16,851                                  | 4,264   | 8,251   | 64.5                           | 19.2          | 11.8          | 7.3                             | 102.8         | 19,637        |
| Oct. . .                    | 130.2                  | 45.5              | 145.6                                 | 21,181                                  | 5,177   | 10,217  | 64.4                           | 24.4          | 19.0          | 8.3                             | 116.1         | 22,230        |
| Nov. . .                    | 130.6                  | 45.4              | 153.0                                 | 22,954                                  | 4,781   | 10,346  | 52.1                           | 24.6          | 20.0          | 8.8                             | 105.5         | 23,145        |
| Dec. . .                    | 113.2                  | 41.2              | 139.3                                 | 20,698                                  | 3,849   | 9,260   | 49.7                           | 25.4          | 16.9          | 10.9                            | 102.9         | 25,095        |
| Jan. . .                    | 105.4                  | 39.1              | 120.2                                 | 17,386                                  | 2,899   | 7,730   | 53.8                           | 25.9          | 12.0          | 7.3                             | 99.0          | 21,172        |
| Feb. . .                    | 94.2                   | 43.4              | 104.9                                 | 14,935                                  | 2,216   | 6,065   | 50.3                           | 25.6          | 10.5          | 7.3                             | 93.7          | 18,574        |
| Mar. . .                    | 93.9                   | 49.1              | 103.9                                 | 14,612                                  | 2,004   | 5,379   | 57.8                           | 22.4          | 10.4          | 8.1                             | 98.7          | 20,065        |
| Apr. . .                    | 84.9                   | 40.0              | 81.7                                  | 10,509                                  | 1,556   | 4,004   | 62.6                           | 20.7          | 10.2          | 8.2                             | 101.7         | 18,008        |
| May . .                     | 101.0                  | 44.9              | 69.0                                  | 7,846                                   | 1,493   | 3,322   | 80.1                           | 20.9          | 10.5          | 8.7                             | 120.2         | 17,701        |
| June . .                    | 96.5                   | 40.0              | 64.2                                  | 6,860                                   | 1,662   | 3,216   | 85.3                           | 17.9          | 10.6          | 8.1                             | 121.9         | 15,495        |
| <b>1958-59p</b>             |                        |                   |                                       |   |         |   |                                |               |               |                                 |               |               |
| July . .                    | 108.8                  | 41.6              | 71.7                                  | 7,934                                   | 2,189   | 3,672   | 87.0                           | 21.1          | 12.5          | 8.4                             | 129.0         | 16,446        |
| August                      | 115.1                  | 44.7              | 91.7                                  | 11,409                                  | 3,203   | 5,435   | 75.4                           | 19.6          | 11.3          | 8.0                             | 114.3         | 16,699        |
| Sept. . .                   | 112.0                  | 45.8              | 124.6                                 | 17,529                                  | 4,407   | 7,980   | 75.5                           | 21.2          | 13.4          | 8.6                             | 118.7         | 18,992        |

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.  
(c) Whole milk equivalent.

(b) In terms of fresh meat.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

| Period.                 | Tobacco,<br>Cigars and<br>Cigarettes.<br>(a) | Chemicals and Allied Products. |                      |  |                                   | Motor Bodies.            |                              |            | Pneumatic<br>Tyres—<br>Motor<br>Cycle,<br>Car,<br>Truck,<br>Aero, etc. |       |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------|--|-------|
|                         |  | Sulphuric<br>Acid<br>(100%).   | Super-<br>phosphate. | Paints.                                  |                                   | Sedans<br>and<br>Coupes. | Tourers<br>and<br>Roadsters. | Utilities. |  |       |
|                         |  |                                |                      | Ready-<br>Mixed<br>Paint and<br>Enamels. | Lacquers,<br>Nitro-<br>Cellulose. |                          |                              |            |  |       |
|                         |  | '000 lb.                       | '000<br>tons.        | '000<br>tons.                            | '000<br>gals.                     | '000<br>gals.            | No.                          | No.        | No.  | '000. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |  |                                |                      |  |                                   |                          |                              |            |  |       |
| 1936-37                 | ..   | 1,805                          | 36.4                 | 90.9                                     | n.a.                              | n.a.                     | 3,660                        | 478        | 610  | n.a.  |
| 1937-38                 | ..   | 1,904                          | 41.3                 | 102.8                                    | 209                               | 60                       | 4,032                        | 804        | 518  | n.a.  |
| 1938-39                 | ..   | 1,939                          | 40.8                 | 100.0                                    | 224                               | 48                       | 3,426                        | 816        | 715  | n.a.  |
| 1951-52                 | ..   | 2,795                          | 54.2                 | 133.1                                    | 633                               | 99                       | 3,486                        | 390        | 1,865  | 213   |
| 1952-53                 | ..   | 3,029                          | 52.3                 | 131.7                                    | 534                               | 84                       | 4,133                        |            | 1,745  | 141   |
| 1953-54                 | ..   | 3,487                          | 61.0                 | 147.6                                    | 657                               | 109                      | 5,514                        |            | 2,088  | 241   |
| 1954-55                 | ..   | 3,706                          | 69.6                 | 163.4                                    | 812                               | 123                      | 6,002                        |            | 2,245  | 293   |
| 1955-56                 | ..   | 3,842                          | 74.7                 | 177.2                                    | 890                               | 125                      | 6,912                        |            | 2,030  | 303   |
| 1956-57 p..             | ..   | 4,079                          | 73.1                 | 164.6                                    | 902                               | 121                      | 6,463                        |            | 1,808  | 284   |
| 1957-58 p..             | ..   | 4,201                          | 82.5                 | 185.0                                    | 930                               | 131                      | 8,134                        |            | 2,403  | 304   |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |  |                                |                      |  |                                   |                          |                              |            |  |       |
| 1956-57 p—              |  |                                |                      |  |                                   |                          |                              |            |  |       |
| September               | ..   | 3,843                          | 66.9                 | 119.3                                    | 885                               | 113                      | 5,756                        |            | 1,632  | 284   |
| October                 | ..   | 4,408                          | 69.1                 | 161.6                                    | 1,044                             | 127                      | 6,854                        |            | 2,073  | 304   |
| November                | ..   | 4,305                          | 63.3                 | 128.8                                    | 1,051                             | 123                      | 7,214                        |            | 2,061  | 311   |
| December                | ..   | 3,811                          | 60.5                 | 127.1                                    | 899                               | 97                       | 5,344                        |            | 871  | 211   |
| January                 | ..   | 4,071                          | 69.8                 | 167.8                                    | 747                               | 101                      | 5,053                        |            | 967  | 205   |
| February                | ..   | 4,147                          | 82.1                 | 200.8                                    | 944                               | 127                      | 6,693                        |            | 2,271  | 292   |
| March                   | ..   | 4,074                          | 88.8                 | 199.5                                    | 973                               | 146                      | 7,971                        |            | 2,124  | 274   |
| April                   | ..   | 3,953                          | 85.8                 | 191.9                                    | 900                               | 127                      | 6,248                        |            | 1,855  | 281   |
| May                     | ..   | 4,612                          | 87.5                 | 223.8                                    | 971                               | 143                      | 7,486                        |            | 2,312  | 335   |
| June                    | ..   | 3,892                          | 78.9                 | 189.1                                    | 721                               | 112                      | 6,492                        |            | 1,959  | 258   |
| 1957-58 p—              |  |                                |                      |  |                                   |                          |                              |            |  |       |
| July                    | ..   | 3,914                          | 80.7                 | 178.2                                    | 831                               | 126                      | 8,429                        |            | 2,280  | 335   |
| August                  | ..   | 3,770                          | 88.0                 | 195.9                                    | 931                               | 129                      | 8,235                        |            | 2,170  | 277   |
| September               | ..   | 4,039                          | 72.7                 | 155.0                                    | 1,059                             | 133                      | 8,010                        |            | 2,371  | 330   |
| October                 | ..   | 4,523                          | 71.6                 | 167.2                                    | 1,047                             | 139                      | 8,788                        |            | 2,654  | 333   |
| November                | ..   | 4,472                          | 81.5                 | 172.4                                    | 1,093                             | 140                      | 8,727                        |            | 2,583  | 293   |
| December                | ..   | 4,567                          | 77.1                 | 163.0                                    | 912                               | 109                      | 6,107                        |            | 1,935  | 234   |
| January                 | ..   | 4,283                          | 78.5                 | 182.7                                    | 783                               | 114                      | 6,344                        |            | 1,891  | 232   |
| February                | ..   | 4,162                          | 82.3                 | 194.0                                    | 960                               | 127                      | 8,604                        |            | 2,676  | 306   |
| March                   | ..   | 4,248                          | 87.3                 | 195.3                                    | 953                               | 148                      | 8,809                        |            | 2,632  | 330   |
| April                   | ..   | 4,126                          | 90.2                 | 221.9                                    | 844                               | 132                      | 8,036                        |            | 2,318  | 306   |
| May                     | ..   | 4,328                          | 96.5                 | 201.6                                    | 933                               | 154                      | 8,973                        |            | 2,759  | 358   |
| June                    | ..   | 3,982                          | 83.0                 | 192.3                                    | 817                               | 116                      | 8,543                        |            | 2,562  | 314   |
| 1958-59 p—              |  |                                |                      |  |                                   |                          | (b)                          |            |  |       |
| July                    | ..   | 4,219                          | 78.5                 | 167.2                                    | 888                               | 136                      | 11,212                       |            | 2,769  | 379   |
| August                  | ..   | 4,175                          | 94.0                 | 197.9                                    | r943                              | 137                      | 9,951                        |            | 2,371  | 342   |
| September               | ..   | 4,397                          | 79.8                 | 167.7                                    | 1,085                             | 131                      | 10,484                       |            | 2,268  | 355   |

(a) Details for 1954-55 and earlier periods refer to Australian factory production; 1955-56 and later figures to quantity on which excise duty was paid. (b) From July, 1958, includes Station Wagons.

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# INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas, but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source : *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base : 1953 = 100.)

| Period.      | Belgium<br>(a) | Canada<br>(a) | Denmark<br>(a) | France<br>(a) | Germany<br>West.<br>(a) | Italy. | Japan. | Nether-<br>lands. | Norway.<br>(a) | Sweden.<br>(a) | United<br>King-<br>dom.<br>(a) (b) | U.S.A.<br>(a) (c) |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1951 .. ..   | 106            | 91            | 100            | 98            | 85                      | 91     | 74     | 91                | 94             | 101            | 97                                 | 90                |
| 1952 .. ..   | 101            | 94            | 96             | 99            | 91                      | 93     | 82     | 91                | 95             | 99             | 94                                 | 93                |
| 1953 .. ..   | 100            | 100           | 100            | 100           | 100                     | 100    | 100    | 100               | 100            | 100            | 100                                | 100               |
| 1954 .. ..   | 106            | 98            | 109            | 110           | 112                     | 109    | 108    | 110               | 109            | 104            | 107                                | 93                |
| 1955 .. ..   | 116            | 107           | 111            | 120           | 129                     | 119    | 117    | 118               | 117            | 111            | 113                                | 104               |
| 1956 .. ..   | 122            | 114           | 114            | 133           | 139                     | 128    | 144    | 123               | 122            | 114            | 112                                | 107               |
| 1957 .. ..   | 123            | 114           | 117            | 145           | 147                     | 138    | 167    | 126               | 126            | 118            | 114                                | 107               |
| 1956—        |                |               |                |               |                         |        |        |                   |                |                |                                    |                   |
| September .. | 124            | 120           | 121            | 134           | 144                     | 134    | 147    | 123               | 132            | 121            | 116                                | 109               |
| October ..   | 127            | 121           | 124            | 141           | 145                     | 142    | 148    | 136               | 133            | 125            | 118                                | 113               |
| November ..  | 129            | 120           | 125            | 147           | 154                     | 135    | 152    | 134               | 135            | 125            | 120                                | 110               |
| December ..  | 123            | 113           | 116            | 145           | 142                     | 128    | 157    | 117               | 121            | 123            | 110                                | 107               |
| 1957—        |                |               |                |               |                         |        |        |                   |                |                |                                    |                   |
| January ..   | 123            | 110           | 118            | 140           | 137                     | 135    | 146    | 127               | 127            | 119            | 114                                | 108               |
| February ..  | 128            | 113           | 123            | 144           | 142                     | 129    | 164    | 119               | 144            | 123            | 118                                | 110               |
| March ..     | 129            | 114           | 125            | 145           | 140                     | 140    | 177    | 127               | 134            | 123            | 120                                | 110               |
| April ..     | 131            | 115           | 123            | 146           | 149                     | 139    | 169    | 125               | 117            | 126            | 111                                | 108               |
| May ..       | 132            | 117           | 123            | 151           | 152                     | 143    | 176    | 136               | 126            | 126            | 120                                | 107               |
| June ..      | 121            | 120           | 121            | 150           | 148                     | 136    | 172    | 125               | 131            | 125            | 117                                | 108               |
| July ..      | 92             | 114           | 80             | 139           | 140                     | 147    | 174    | 128               | 88             | 63             | 106                                | 101               |
| August ..    | 117            | 115           | 119            | 98            | 138                     | 116    | 165    | 122               | 125            | 116            | 98                                 | 108               |
| September .. | 125            | 118           | 123            | 148           | 151                     | 143    | 166    | 124               | 136            | 125            | 118                                | 109               |
| October ..   | 126            | 116           | 120            | 150           | 154                     | 146    | 165    | 133               | 134            | 125            | 119                                | 109               |
| November ..  | 125            | 115           | 120            | 159           | 162                     | 140    | 164    | 128               | 135            | 124            | 122                                | 106               |
| December ..  | 121            | 105           | 114            | 163           | 151                     | 138    | 167    | 116               | 119            | 124            | 112                                | 100               |
| 1958—        |                |               |                |               |                         |        |        |                   |                |                |                                    |                   |
| January ..   | 119            | 104           | 117            | 155           | 144                     | 140    | 154    | 122               | 123            | 122            | 113                                | 99                |
| February ..  | 121            | 108           | 120            | 162           | 145                     | 131    | 167    | 114               | 135            | 124            | 119                                | 98                |
| March ..     | 118            | 109           | 123            | 160           | 146                     | 141    | 179    | 124               | 131            | 125            | 121                                | 96                |
| April ..     | 116            | 111           | 120            | 164           | 153                     | 137    | 163    | 124               | 116            | 127            | 111                                | 95                |
| May ..       | 114            | 114           | 119            | 166           | 151                     | 144    | 163    | 128               | 115            | 125            | 113                                | 95                |
| June ..      | 112            | 118           | 120            | 161           | 153                     | 140    | 162    | 130               | 131            | 125            | 114                                | 99                |
| July ..      | 100            | 112           | 79             | 147           | 144                     | 149    | 165    | 126               | 84             | 61             | 103                                | 94                |
| August ..    |                | 118           | 102            | 143           |                         |        |        | 122               | 121            | 118            |                                    | 101               |
| September .. |                |               |                |               |                         |        |        |                   |                |                |                                    | 104               |

(a) Adjusted for number of working days.

(b) Includes construction.

(c) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

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# MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Defence Service vehicles. Prior to January, 1956, Department of the Navy vehicles were included.)

| Period        | Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period |                              |               | New Motor Vehicles Registered during period |                              |               |
|---------------|---|------------------------------|---------------|---|------------------------------|---------------|
|               | Motor Cars.(a)                              | Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a) | Motor Cycles. | Motor Cars. (a)                             | Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a) | Motor Cycles. |
|               | '000.                                       | '000.                        | '000.         | <b>Monthly Averages.</b>                    |                              |               |
| 1948-49(b) .. | 655   | 450                          | 117           | 5,539                                       | (c)3,056                     | 1,852         |
| 1949-50(b) .. | 768   | 499                          | 134           | 9,584                                       | (c)4,829                     | 2,232         |
| 1950-51(b) .. | 882   | 548                          | 145           | 10,671                                      | 6,461                        | 2,263         |
| 1951-52(b) .. | 1,031                                       | 581                          | 154           | 10,480                                      | 6,085                        | 1,846         |
| 1952-53(b) .. | 1,108                                       | 579                          | 148           | 7,773                                       | 4,337                        | 941           |
| 1953-54 ..    | 1,200                                       | 607                          | 140           | 10,466                                      | 4,783                        | 905           |
| 1954-55 ..    | 1,347                                       | 650                          | 133           | 13,900                                      | 5,598                        | 941           |
| 1955-56 ..    | 1,472                                       | 679                          | 126           | 13,644                                      | 5,766                        | 878           |
| 1956-57 ..    | 1,565                                       | 707                          | 120           | 12,481                                      | 4,916                        | 805           |
| 1957-58 ..    | 1,676                                       | r735                         | 116           | 13,770                                      | 5,595                        | 884           |
|               |   |                              |               | <b>Monthly Totals.</b>                      |                              |               |
| 1956-57—      |   |                              |               | (d)   | (d)                          | (d)           |
| October ..    | 1,509                                       | 689                          | 124           | 13,429                                      | 5,499                        | 875           |
| November ..   | 1,520                                       | 693                          | 124           | 14,058                                      | 5,632                        | 867           |
| December ..   | 1,527                                       | 694                          | 124           | 12,030                                      | 4,389                        | 782           |
| January ..    | 1,536                                       | 695                          | 123           | 10,898                                      | 3,858                        | 842           |
| February ..   | 1,543                                       | 697                          | 123           | 12,099                                      | 3,319                        | 903           |
| March ..      | 1,551                                       | 699                          | 122           | 12,090                                      | 5,290                        | 906           |
| April ..      | 1,557                                       | 700                          | 122           | 11,344                                      | 4,737                        | 761           |
| May ..        | 1,564                                       | 702                          | 121           | 14,550                                      | 5,751                        | 872           |
| June ..       | 1,565                                       | 707                          | 120           | 12,337                                      | 5,314                        | 744           |
| 1957-58—      |   |                              |               |   |                              |               |
| July ..       | 1,577                                       | 710                          | 119           | 12,994                                      | 5,280                        | 690           |
| August ..     | 1,583                                       | 711                          | 119           | 11,852                                      | 5,369                        | 776           |
| September ..  | 1,594                                       | 714                          | 118           | 13,423                                      | 5,371                        | 816           |
| October ..    | 1,602                                       | 717                          | 118           | 15,321                                      | 6,115                        | 884           |
| November ..   | 1,605                                       | r717                         | 118           | 14,617                                      | 5,752                        | 882           |
| December ..   | 1,625                                       | r723                         | 118           | 14,813                                      | 5,379                        | 952           |
| January ..    | 1,628                                       | r722                         | 118           | 11,145                                      | 4,630                        | 1,283         |
| February ..   | 1,637                                       | r725                         | 118           | 13,926                                      | 5,529                        | 989           |
| March ..      | 1,646                                       | r728                         | 118           | 13,678                                      | 6,140                        | 1,035         |
| April ..      | 1,664                                       | r733                         | 118           | 15,410                                      | 6,214                        | 861           |
| May ..        | 1,671                                       | r734                         | 117           | 15,237                                      | 6,003                        | 781           |
| June ..       | 1,676                                       | r735                         | 116           | 12,820                                      | 5,357                        | 655           |
| 1958-59—      |   |                              |               |   |                              |               |
| July ..       | 1,688                                       | 736                          | 116           | 13,933                                      | 6,068                        | 639           |
| August ..     | 1,694                                       | 738                          | 115           | r13,561                                     | r5,505                       | 770           |
| September ..  | 1,703                                       | 740                          | 115           | r14,741                                     | r5,929                       | r911          |
| October p ..  |   |                              |               | 16,100                                      | 6,300                        | 880           |

(a) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles, registered for private use. Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' private cars registered in Victoria were included in commercial vehicle registrations. (b) Excludes the Northern Territory. (c) Includes taxis and hire cars in Victoria. (d) Includes some new registrations effected in preceding months but not passed into central registration records until subsequent months.

NOTE.—Particulars of New Motor Vehicles registered, as shown above, are compiled by the Registration Authorities in each State, and, because of the factors referred to in note (a) and for other reasons, differ from those published in the Monthly Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles and the Monthly Press Statement.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

# GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS : OPERATIONS AND REVENUE.

| Period.                  | Revenue<br>Train-Miles. | Goods and Livestock.(a) |                       | Passenger<br>Journeys. | Revenue. |               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------|---------------|
|                          |                         | Tons Carried.           | Net Ton-<br>miles.(b) |                        | Gross.   | Net.          |
|                          | '000.                   | '000.                   | Million.              | '000.                  | £'000.   | £'000.        |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b>  |                         |                         |                       |                        |          |               |
| 1948-49                  | .. ..                   | 7,690                   | 3,428                 | 517.7                  | 42,225   | 7,165 85      |
| 1949-50                  | .. ..                   | 7,785                   | 3,362                 | 516.9                  | 42,054   | 7,683 -205    |
| 1950-51                  | .. ..                   | 7,390                   | 3,392                 | 523.1                  | 39,674   | 8,804 -594    |
| 1951-52                  | .. ..                   | 7,780                   | 3,672                 | 562.9                  | 41,707   | 11,626 -721   |
| 1952-53                  | .. ..                   | 7,394                   | 3,644                 | 547.8                  | 41,468   | 12,903 -560   |
| 1953-54                  | .. ..                   | 7,789                   | 3,880                 | 579.4                  | 42,557   | 14,155 140    |
| 1954-55                  | .. ..                   | 7,911                   | 3,951                 | 608.0                  | 43,071   | 14,498 124    |
| 1955-56                  | .. ..                   | 8,020                   | 3,875                 | 606.1                  | 42,895   | 14,765 -659   |
| 1956-57                  | .. ..                   | 7,924                   | 3,956                 | 614.1                  | 41,626   | 15,737 -376   |
| 1957-58                  | .. ..                   | 7,552                   | 3,745                 | 565.5                  | 41,191   | 14,928 -493   |
| <b>Monthly Total—(c)</b> |                         |                         |                       |                        |          |               |
| <b>1956-57—</b>          |                         |                         |                       |                        |          |               |
| July                     | .. ..                   | 8,147                   | 4,184                 | 638.1                  | 44,061   | 15,227 -333   |
| August                   | .. ..                   | 8,531                   | 4,369                 | 658.8                  | 39,928   | 16,806 577    |
| September                | .. ..                   | 8,061                   | 4,061                 | 627.2                  | 41,695   | 16,094 1,283  |
| October                  | .. ..                   | 8,537                   | 4,476                 | 670.5                  | 44,995   | 17,497 967    |
| November                 | .. ..                   | 8,131                   | 4,219                 | 641.2                  | 40,735   | 16,712 -248   |
| December                 | .. ..                   | 7,732                   | 3,419                 | 560.6                  | 40,711   | 14,552 -1,228 |
| January                  | .. ..                   | 7,902                   | 3,534                 | 586.5                  | 39,933   | 15,027 -62    |
| February                 | .. ..                   | 7,264                   | 3,750                 | 591.6                  | 41,026   | 14,585 -459   |
| March                    | .. ..                   | 7,886                   | 3,789                 | 624.0                  | 41,497   | 15,347 -89    |
| April                    | .. ..                   | 7,503                   | 3,676                 | 594.7                  | 42,343   | 15,220 -31    |
| May                      | .. ..                   | 8,153                   | 4,057                 | 667.2                  | 41,604   | 16,569 -385   |
| June                     | .. ..                   | 7,570                   | 3,588                 | 579.3                  | 40,988   | 14,454 -2,027 |
| <b>1957-58—</b>          |                         |                         |                       |                        |          |               |
| July                     | .. ..                   | 8,020                   | 4,095                 | 613.8                  | 43,558   | 15,703 -134   |
| August                   | .. ..                   | 7,996                   | 4,091                 | 600.6                  | 39,681   | 15,763 -88    |
| September                | .. ..                   | 7,613                   | 3,959                 | 578.8                  | 43,923   | 15,810 285    |
| October                  | .. ..                   | 8,005                   | 4,244                 | 620.0                  | 40,400   | 16,484 580    |
| November                 | .. ..                   | 7,613                   | 3,890                 | 585.9                  | 39,718   | 15,176 -1,007 |
| December                 | .. ..                   | 7,285                   | 3,231                 | 498.8                  | 40,081   | 13,887 -1,118 |
| January                  | .. ..                   | 7,262                   | 3,186                 | 494.3                  | 38,577   | 13,676 -808   |
| February                 | .. ..                   | 6,852                   | 3,456                 | 525.9                  | 40,325   | 13,364 -881   |
| March                    | .. ..                   | 7,589                   | 3,762                 | 591.2                  | 43,621   | 15,026 113    |
| April                    | .. ..                   | 7,292                   | 3,541                 | 543.4                  | 39,705   | 14,163 -342   |
| May                      | .. ..                   | 7,837                   | 3,863                 | 594.0                  | 42,898   | 15,227 -1,009 |
| June                     | .. ..                   | 7,265                   | 3,627                 | 538.8                  | 41,802   | 14,856 1,505  |
| <b>1958-59—</b>          |                         |                         |                       |                        |          |               |
| July ..                  | .. ..                   | 7,835                   | 4,187                 | 603.2                  | 41,206   | 15,271 252    |

(a) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Railway.

(b) From 1948-49 figures are partly estimated.  
(c) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

# SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS WEIGHT.

(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton measurement.)(a)

| Period.                 | Oversea Cargo.                 |                                 | Interstate Cargo Shipped from— |           |              |                  |                    |           |                |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|
|                         | Shipped from Australian Ports. | Discharged at Australian Ports. | New South Wales.               | Victoria. | Queens-land. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. (b) |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                                |                                 |                                |           |              |                  |                    |           |                |
| 1948-49..               | 452                            | 487                             | 257                            | 41        | 32           | 152              | 5                  | 32        | 519            |
| 1949-50..               | 422                            | 641                             | 233                            | 37        | 30           | 198              | 5                  | 32        | 535            |
| 1950-51..               | 450                            | 757                             | 232                            | 37        | 36           | 222              | 5                  | 28        | 560            |
| 1951-52..               | 374                            | 810                             | 280                            | 37        | 45           | 238              | 11                 | 29        | 641            |
| 1952-53..               | 504                            | 644                             | 285                            | 34        | 53           | 247              | 52                 | 33        | 794            |
| 1953-54..               | 479                            | 711                             | 307                            | 39        | 36           | 287              | 54                 | 35        | 758            |
| 1954-55..               | 507                            | 916                             | 302                            | 74        | 43           | 318              | 73                 | 41        | 851            |
| 1955-56..               | 555                            | 1,036                           | 293                            | 99        | 47           | 350              | 137                | 43        | 969            |
| 1956-57..               | 728                            | 1,050                           | 309                            | 97        | 60           | 378              | 116                | 32        | 992            |
| 1957-58..               | 614                            | 1,143                           | 324                            | 114       | 56           | 364              | 148                | 45        | 1,051          |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                                |                                 |                                |           |              |                  |                    |           |                |
| 1956-57                 |                                |                                 |                                |           |              |                  |                    |           |                |
| September ..            | 786                            | 965                             | 326                            | 72        | 55           | 410              | 137                | 40        | 1,040          |
| October ..              | 769                            | 1,127                           | 313                            | 113       | 68           | 408              | 106                | 29        | 1,038          |
| November ..             | 794                            | 1,110                           | 331                            | 107       | 86           | 431              | 116                | 37        | 1,110          |
| December ..             | 712                            | 963                             | 266                            | 132       | 79           | 375              | 107                | 30        | 989            |
| January ..              | 796                            | 1,119                           | 257                            | 82        | 65           | 418              | 124                | 30        | 976            |
| February ..             | 751                            | 953                             | 246                            | 135       | 60           | 357              | 122                | 25        | 945            |
| March ..                | 861                            | 1,005                           | 282                            | 92        | 56           | 428              | 129                | 25        | 1,012          |
| April ..                | 597                            | 1,049                           | 260                            | 84        | 47           | 359              | 120                | 28        | 899            |
| May ..                  | 666                            | 1,302                           | 417                            | 143       | 37           | 353              | 109                | 32        | 1,091          |
| June ..                 | 601                            | 954                             | 319                            | 51        | 52           | 283              | 98                 | 36        | 839            |
| 1957-58 p—              |                                |                                 |                                |           |              |                  |                    |           |                |
| July ..                 | 665                            | 1,256                           | 317                            | 135       | 61           | 347              | 96                 | 41        | 997            |
| August ..               | 732                            | 1,126                           | 337                            | 75        | 78           | 355              | 117                | 35        | 997            |
| September ..            | 732                            | 1,029                           | 348                            | 116       | 79           | 356              | 115                | 41        | 1,055          |
| October ..              | 711                            | 1,020                           | 385                            | 137       | 85           | 376              | 148                | 40        | 1,171          |
| November ..             | 657                            | 985                             | 327                            | 124       | 59           | 376              | 112                | 37        | 1,035          |
| December ..             | 613                            | 1,008                           | 329                            | 88        | 52           | 364              | 185                | 49        | 1,067          |
| January ..              | 606                            | 1,247                           | 309                            | 109       | 42           | 358              | 186                | 49        | 1,053          |
| February ..             | 488                            | 1,139                           | 280                            | 111       | 48           | 334              | 139                | 34        | 946            |
| March ..                | 515                            | 1,280                           | 285                            | 134       | 51           | 380              | 189                | 43        | 1,082          |
| April ..                | 458                            | 1,178                           | 293                            | 107       | 40           | 353              | 141                | 58        | 992            |
| May ..                  | 646                            | 1,336                           | 347                            | 97        | 50           | 390              | 191                | 58        | 1,133          |
| June ..                 | 540                            | 1,116                           | 330                            | 139       | 24           | 381              | 156                | 54        | 1,084          |
| 1958-59 p—              |                                |                                 |                                |           |              |                  |                    |           |                |
| July ..                 | r659                           | r1,263                          | 391                            | 109       | 66           | 376              | r128               | 86        | r1,156         |
| August ..               | r680                           | r1,108                          | 335                            | r91       | 73           | r381             | 121                | 58        | r1,060         |
| September ..            | 621                            | 1,031                           | 274                            | 142       | 63           | 304              | 127                | 52        | 962            |

(a) Additional to figures for Tons Measurement on page 46.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

# SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS OF 40 CUBIC FEET MEASUREMENT.  
(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton weight.)(a)

| Period.                 | Oversea Cargo.                 |                                 | Interstate Cargo Shipped from— |          |              |                  |                    |           |                |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|
|                         | Shipped from Australian Ports. | Discharged at Australian Ports. | New South Wales.               | Victoria | Queens-land. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. (b) |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                                |                                 |                                |          |              |                  |                    |           |                |
| 1948-49 ..              | 114                            | 214                             | 29                             | 20       | 10           | 15               | 6                  | 18        | 98             |
| 1949-50 ..              | 116                            | 298                             | 25                             | 21       | 11           | 17               | 7                  | 20        | 101            |
| 1950-51 ..              | 108                            | 333                             | 27                             | 20       | 10           | 20               | 6                  | 27        | 110            |
| 1951-52 ..              | 103                            | 391                             | 32                             | 25       | 9            | 17               | 6                  | 21        | 110            |
| 1952-53 ..              | 121                            | 161                             | 31                             | 22       | 8            | 17               | 9                  | 19        | 106            |
| 1953-54 ..              | 113                            | 234                             | 36                             | 35       | 10           | 19               | 8                  | 20        | 128            |
| 1954-55 ..              | 118                            | 284                             | 34                             | 35       | 10           | 16               | 8                  | 20        | 123            |
| 1955-56 ..              | 129                            | 285                             | 24                             | 31       | 9            | 12               | 8                  | 27        | 111            |
| 1956-57 ..              | 115                            | 229                             | 20                             | 32       | 7            | 8                | 7                  | 33        | 108            |
| 1957-58 ..              | 124                            | 243                             | 21                             | 30       | 5            | 9                | 7                  | 24        | 96             |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                                |                                 |                                |          |              |                  |                    |           |                |
| 1956-57—                |                                |                                 |                                |          |              |                  |                    |           |                |
| September ..            | 101                            | 214                             | 19                             | 34       | 8            | 10               | 5                  | 42        | 118            |
| October ..              | 107                            | 220                             | 26                             | 38       | 8            | 7                | 13                 | 36        | 129            |
| November ..             | 110                            | 243                             | 22                             | 39       | 8            | 8                | 7                  | 28        | 112            |
| December ..             | 99                             | 204                             | 17                             | 24       | 5            | 8                | 4                  | 24        | 82             |
| January ..              | 82                             | 249                             | 13                             | 29       | 5            | 3                | 9                  | 31        | 91             |
| February ..             | 83                             | 156                             | 17                             | 29       | 10           | 8                | 6                  | 37        | 107            |
| March ..                | 145                            | 221                             | 27                             | 40       | 7            | 8                | 9                  | 33        | 124            |
| April ..                | 173                            | 238                             | 19                             | 36       | 8            | 7                | 5                  | 39        | 114            |
| May ..                  | 172                            | 219                             | 20                             | 39       | 6            | 12               | 7                  | 37        | 121            |
| June ..                 | 103                            | 183                             | 17                             | 32       | 5            | 10               | 6                  | 32        | 102            |
| 1957-58 p—              |                                |                                 |                                |          |              |                  |                    |           |                |
| July ..                 | 124                            | 264                             | 18                             | 31       | 4            | 8                | 6                  | 37        | 104            |
| August ..               | 111                            | 238                             | 21                             | 23       | 8            | 8                | 4                  | 26        | 90             |
| September ..            | 117                            | 196                             | 25                             | 37       | 5            | 10               | 9                  | 31        | 117            |
| October ..              | 97                             | 272                             | 21                             | 32       | 5            | 8                | 7                  | 32        | 105            |
| November ..             | 134                            | 234                             | 15                             | 41       | 7            | 15               | 9                  | 26        | 113            |
| December ..             | 111                            | 237                             | 56                             | 29       | 5            | 4                | 3                  | 13        | 110            |
| January ..              | 80                             | 261                             | 17                             | 26       | 4            | 19               | 6                  | 10        | 82             |
| February ..             | 71                             | 215                             | 16                             | 25       | 4            | 7                | 12                 | 29        | 93             |
| March ..                | 121                            | 254                             | 17                             | 34       | 8            | 6                | 10                 | 16        | 91             |
| April ..                | 182                            | 222                             | 14                             | 28       | 6            | 5                | 5                  | 19        | 77             |
| May ..                  | 210                            | 269                             | 15                             | 31       | 6            | 7                | 6                  | 21        | 86             |
| June ..                 | 131                            | 254                             | 19                             | 27       | 3            | 5                | 5                  | 29        | 88             |
| 1958-59 p—              |                                |                                 |                                |          |              |                  |                    |           |                |
| July ..                 | r140                           | r196                            | 22                             | r30      | 5            | 5                | r3                 | 15        | r80            |
| August ..               | 102                            | r282                            | 19                             | 29       | 4            | 8                | 4                  | 18        | 82             |
| September ..            | 112                            | 221                             | 19                             | 18       | 13           | 7                | 9                  | 23        | 89             |

(a) Additional to figures for Tons Weight on page 45.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

# POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

| Period.                 | Receipts of P.M.G's<br>Department<br>at end of period.(a) | Broadcast Listeners'<br>Licences in force at<br>end of period. | Television Viewers'<br>Licences in force<br>at end of period. | Telephone Services connected at end<br>of period. |              |
|-------------------------|---|--|---|---|--------------|
|                         |   |  |   | Lines.  | Instruments. |
|                         | £'000.  | '000.  | '000.   | '000.   | '000.        |
| <b>Monthly Average.</b> |   |  |   |   |              |
| 1948-49 ..              | 2,776   | (b) 1,763  | ..  | 734   | 1,028        |
| 1949-50 ..              | 3,196   | (b) 1,841  | ..  | 793   | 1,110        |
| 1950-51 ..              | 3,732   | (b) 1,885  | ..  | 864   | 1,209        |
| 1951-52 ..              | 4,948   | 1,961  | ..  | 927   | 1,301        |
| 1952-53 ..              | 5,367   | 1,986  | ..  | 985   | 1,384        |
| 1953-54 ..              | 5,650   | 2,042  | ..  | 1,050   | 1,476        |
| 1954-55 ..              | 6,069   | 2,035  | ..  | 1,127   | 1,587        |
| 1955-56 ..              | 6,612   | 2,089  | ..  | 1,207   | 1,704        |
| 1956-57 ..              | 7,519   | 2,107  | (c) 74  | 1,279   | 1,814        |
| 1957-58 ..              | 8,065   | 2,138  | 291   | 1,362   | 1,937        |
| <b>Monthly Total.</b>   |   |  |   |   |              |
| 1956-57—                |   |  |   |   |              |
| October ..              | 8,110   | 2,108  | ..  | 1,233   | 1,743        |
| November ..             | 7,225   | 2,101  | ..  | 1,239   | 1,753        |
| December ..             | 7,611   | 2,092  | (c) 4   | 1,245   | 1,762        |
| January ..              | 7,073   | 2,101  | 22  | 1,250   | 1,771        |
| February ..             | 7,312   | 2,102  | 28  | 1,255   | 1,777        |
| March ..                | 8,020   | 2,111  | 34  | 1,260   | 1,786        |
| April ..                | 7,539   | 2,108  | 42  | 1,266   | 1,795        |
| May ..                  | 8,457   | 2,111  | 57  | 1,272   | 1,804        |
| June ..                 | 8,962   | 2,107  | 74  | 1,279   | 1,814        |
| 1957-58—                |   |  |   |   |              |
| July ..                 | 7,423   | 2,113  | 90  | 1,284   | 1,823        |
| August ..               | 7,532   | 2,117  | 106   | 1,290   | 1,833        |
| September ..            | 7,503   | 2,123  | 120   | 1,296   | 1,843        |
| October ..              | 8,563   | 2,112  | 133   | 1,303   | 1,853        |
| November ..             | 7,510   | 2,140  | 151   | 1,311   | 1,863        |
| December ..             | 8,623   | 2,142  | 167   | 1,319   | 1,874        |
| January ..              | 8,469   | 2,141  | 178   | 1,325   | 1,883        |
| February ..             | 7,664   | 2,145  | 200   | 1,331   | 1,892        |
| March ..                | 8,055   | 2,135  | 220   | 1,337   | 1,901        |
| April ..                | 7,906   | 2,135  | 239   | 1,343   | 1,910        |
| May ..                  | 8,482   | 2,138  | 262   | 1,351   | 1,922        |
| June ..                 | 9,046   | 2,138  | 291   | 1,362   | 1,937        |
| 1958-59—                |   |  |   |   |              |
| July ..                 | 8,449   | 2,147  | 328   | 1,369   | 1,948        |
| August ..               | 7,661   | 2,146  | 358   | 1,376   | 1,958        |
| September ..            | 8,512   | 2,172  | 390   | 1,383   | 1,968        |
| October ..              | 9,299   | 2,201  | 415   | 1,391   | 1,979        |

(a) Actual collections. (b) Excludes licences for receivers in excess of one. These licences were introduced in July, 1942, and were abolished on 31st December, 1951. (c) Licences were first issued in December, 1956, but did not come into force until 1st January, 1957.

**COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING  
BUSINESS.**

(Including Note Issue Department.)

**LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.**

(£A million.)

| Period.                           | Notes on Issue.   |                    |        | Special<br>Accounts<br>of<br>Trading<br>Banks. | Other<br>Deposits<br>of<br>Trading<br>Banks. | Other<br>Liabilities<br>(excluding<br>Capital and<br>Reserves). | Gold and<br>Balances<br>held<br>Abroad. | Government<br>and other<br>Securities<br>(including<br>Treasury<br>Bills). |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------|--|--|---|---|--|-------|
|                                   | Held by<br>Banks. | Held by<br>Public. | Total. |  |  |   |   |  |       |
| <b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b> |                   |                    |        |  |  |   |   |  |       |
| 1951-52..                         | ..                | 38.1               | 255.5  | 293.6  | 468.8  | 31.1  | 270.9                                   | 470.6  | 503.1 |
| 1952-53..                         | ..                | 36.9               | 281.3  | 318.2  | 212.9  | 45.4  | 287.4                                   | 363.6  | 434.8 |
| 1953-54..                         | ..                | 38.5               | 299.7  | 338.2  | (a) 306.8                                    | 41.7  | 283.4                                   | 512.6  | 408.0 |
| 1954-55..                         | ..                | 40.9               | 316.1  | 357.0  | 306.3  | 36.8  | 243.5                                   | 415.9  | 459.8 |
| 1955-56..                         | ..                | 43.0               | 331.1  | 374.1  | 272.8  | 35.6  | 208.7                                   | 298.9  | 515.7 |
| 1956-57..                         | ..                | 44.9               | 338.3  | 383.2  | 289.4  | 31.4  | 205.9                                   | 349.7  | 508.8 |
| 1957-58..                         | ..                | 45.6               | 343.9  | 389.5  | 328.3  | 25.6  | 218.4                                   | 461.7  | 478.6 |
| 1956-57—                          |                   |                    |        |  |  |   |   |  |       |
| October                           | ..                | 43.7               | 337.4  | 381.1  | 258.4  | 31.8  | 206.2                                   | 285.9  | 546.5 |
| November                          | ..                | 43.5               | 340.6  | 384.1  | 270.3  | 34.2  | 207.6                                   | 302.0  | 559.2 |
| December(b)                       | ..                | 50.9               | 348.9  | 399.8  | 270.3  | 27.6  | 205.4                                   | 317.9  | 555.5 |
| January                           | ..                | 51.0               | 341.4  | 392.4  | 272.1  | 34.9  | 203.3                                   | 339.5  | 525.8 |
| February                          | ..                | 43.5               | 336.1  | 379.6  | 297.6  | 35.5  | 206.2                                   | 364.7  | 498.4 |
| March                             | ..                | 43.3               | 337.5  | 380.8  | 320.7  | 30.1  | 204.8                                   | 386.8  | 488.2 |
| April ..                          | ..                | 44.1               | 344.6  | 388.7  | 340.3  | 19.8  | 208.3                                   | 428.0  | 470.6 |
| May ..                            | ..                | 46.3               | 337.8  | 384.1  | 340.3  | 20.6  | 212.3                                   | 450.7  | 461.5 |
| June ..                           | ..                | 43.9               | 337.7  | 381.6  | 340.3  | 28.0  | 208.9                                   | 459.1  | 459.8 |
| 1957-58—                          |                   |                    |        |  |  |   |   |  |       |
| July ..                           | ..                | 43.3               | 338.7  | 382.0  | 340.3  | 27.9  | 208.9                                   | 471.1  | 450.0 |
| August ..                         | ..                | 43.0               | 342.4  | 385.4  | 340.3  | 30.4  | 209.4                                   | 473.1  | 468.5 |
| September ..                      | ..                | 42.9               | 343.8  | 386.7  | 340.3  | 29.4  | 206.8                                   | 472.5  | 480.9 |
| October ..                        | ..                | 44.0               | 343.7  | 387.7  | 340.3  | 32.8  | 211.4                                   | 471.1  | 496.0 |
| November ..                       | ..                | 44.7               | 345.2  | 389.9  | 340.3  | 23.6  | 216.4                                   | 466.4  | 499.7 |
| December(b)                       | ..                | 52.9               | 351.6  | 404.5  | 340.3  | 24.3  | 213.8                                   | 470.9  | 508.9 |
| January ..                        | ..                | 50.4               | 346.9  | 397.3  | 340.3  | 28.5  | 216.7                                   | 470.6  | 496.4 |
| February ..                       | ..                | 45.0               | 340.8  | 385.8  | 340.3  | 24.0  | 223.2                                   | 464.4  | 479.0 |
| March ..                          | ..                | 45.2               | 342.5  | 387.7  | 325.3  | 23.6  | 226.0                                   | 459.3  | 468.0 |
| April ..                          | ..                | 47.1               | 347.5  | 394.6  | 313.2  | 14.7  | 229.1                                   | 437.7  | 477.6 |
| May ..                            | ..                | 45.6               | 342.2  | 387.8  | 294.0  | 23.1  | 228.6                                   | 448.4  | 458.8 |
| June ..                           | ..                | 45.3               | 342.6  | 387.9  | 282.7  | 24.3  | 231.0                                   | 436.5  | 464.6 |
| 1958-59—                          |                   |                    |        |  |  |   |   |  |       |
| July ..                           | ..                | 44.6               | 343.5  | 388.1  | 271.2  | 29.8  | 230.0                                   | 426.0  | 477.0 |
| August ..                         | ..                | 44.2               | 346.5  | 390.7  | 265.1  | 25.6  | 227.2                                   | 410.6  | 494.3 |
| September ..                      | ..                | 44.5               | 348.0  | 392.5  | 265.1  | 27.3  | 221.3                                   | 401.9  | 507.3 |
| October ..                        | ..                | 45.3               | 348.7  | 394.0  | 265.1  | 29.0  | 223.4                                   | 392.2  | 521.5 |

(a) From 3rd December, 1953, includes Special Account of Commonwealth Trading Bank. Previously the Special Deposit Account of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank was included in "Other Liabilities". (b) Return for fourth Wednesday not available.

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# COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA(a),

and

# COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA

(RURAL CREDITS, MORTGAGE BANK AND INDUSTRIAL FINANCE DEPARTMENTS.)

(£ million.)

| Period.                                   | Commonwealth Trading Bank.(a) |                             |        |   |  |   |                | Commonwealth Bank—Advances.          |                                      |                                   |        |      |     |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|---|--|---|----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|------|-----|
|   | Deposits.                     |                             |        | Coin,<br>Bullion,<br>Notes and<br>Cash with<br>Common-<br>wealth<br>Bank. | Commonwealth<br>and State<br>Government<br>Securities. | Special<br>Account<br>with<br>Common-<br>wealth<br>Bank.<br>(b) | Ad-<br>vances. | Rural<br>Credits<br>Depart-<br>ment. | Mortgage<br>Bank<br>Depart-<br>ment. | Industrial Finance<br>Department. |        |      |     |
|   | Bearing<br>Interest.          | Not<br>Bearing<br>Interest. | Total. |   |  |   |                |                                      |                                      | Hire<br>Purchase.                 | Other. |      |     |
| <b>Average of<br/>Weekly<br/>Figures—</b> |                               |                             |        |   |  |   |                |                                      |                                      |                                   |        |      |     |
| 1951-52                                   | ..                            | 20.1                        | 90.6   | 110.7   | 6.6  | 26.4  | 13.3           | ..                                   | 76.4                                 | 19.7                              | 4.1    | 15.5 | 8.7 |
| 1952-53                                   | ..                            | 22.8                        | 96.7   | 119.5   | 8.8  | b 17.2  | c 25.8         | 21.7                                 | c 59.5                               | 44.9                              | 4.3    | 14.8 | 8.1 |
| 1953-54                                   | ..                            | 35.3                        | 120.9  | 156.2   | 11.0   | 23.4  | 29.9           | 34.8                                 | 69.2                                 | 43.2                              | 4.5    | 16.6 | 4.7 |
| 1954-55                                   | ..                            | 43.6                        | 130.9  | 174.5   | 10.5   | 12.3  | 38.2           | 36.1                                 | 89.1                                 | 62.3                              | 4.8    | 17.0 | 6.7 |
| 1955-56                                   | ..                            | 46.3                        | 135.6  | 181.9   | 10.2   | 6.3   | 38.6           | 33.2                                 | 103.9                                | 73.8                              | 5.1    | 16.6 | 9.0 |
| 1956-57                                   | ..                            | 44.4                        | 140.1  | 184.5   | 10.0   | 4.1   | 35.7           | 34.6                                 | 106.5                                | 56.6                              | 5.1    | 16.5 | 9.4 |
| 1957-58                                   | ..                            | 54.9                        | 150.2  | 205.1   | 10.8   | 5.5   | 46.5           | 40.2                                 | 107.8                                | 33.7                              | 5.5    | 16.0 | 9.4 |
| 1956-57—                                  |                               |                             |        |   |  |   |                |                                      |                                      |                                   |        |      |     |
| October                                   | ..                            | 43.1                        | 138.8  | 181.9   | 9.9  | 2.8   | 36.5           | 31.7                                 | 108.2                                | 51.4                              | 5.1    | 16.7 | 9.4 |
| November                                  | ..                            | 43.7                        | 142.9  | 186.6   | 10.3   | 4.3   | 35.9           | 33.7                                 | 107.9                                | 44.8                              | 5.1    | 17.2 | 9.5 |
| December(d)                               | ..                            | 45.0                        | 144.1  | 189.1   | 8.9  | 4.8   | 35.9           | 33.7                                 | 107.4                                | 38.2                              | 5.1    | 17.3 | 9.6 |
| January                                   | ..                            | 44.4                        | 137.8  | 182.2   | 10.9   | 3.7   | 32.1           | 33.7                                 | 110.8                                | 44.1                              | 5.1    | 17.1 | 9.2 |
| February                                  | ..                            | 45.0                        | 139.7  | 184.7   | 9.8  | 5.4   | 33.5           | 34.9                                 | 108.4                                | 64.1                              | 5.1    | 16.8 | 9.2 |
| March                                     | ..                            | 44.6                        | 142.7  | 187.3   | 10.5   | 4.0   | 36.1           | 37.3                                 | 105.2                                | 72.9                              | 5.2    | 16.5 | 9.4 |
| April                                     | ..                            | 45.2                        | 144.7  | 189.9   | 10.7   | 3.5   | 36.9           | 39.2                                 | 103.7                                | 66.8                              | 5.2    | 16.5 | 9.4 |
| May                                       | ..                            | 45.8                        | 142.7  | 188.5   | 9.7  | 3.9   | 36.2           | 39.2                                 | 105.2                                | 54.8                              | 5.3    | 16.1 | 9.5 |
| June                                      | ..                            | 47.7                        | 146.2  | 193.9   | 11.1   | 7.0   | 36.6           | 39.2                                 | 102.5                                | 42.5                              | 5.2    | 15.9 | 9.6 |
| 1957-58—                                  |                               |                             |        |   |  |   |                |                                      |                                      |                                   |        |      |     |
| July                                      | ..                            | 49.5                        | 143.3  | 192.8   | 10.7   | 6.0   | 39.0           | 39.2                                 | 107.3                                | 41.2                              | 5.3    | 15.8 | 9.6 |
| August                                    | ..                            | 50.6                        | 144.1  | 194.7   | 10.6   | 5.6   | 43.0           | 39.2                                 | 105.5                                | 30.5                              | 5.4    | 15.8 | 9.7 |
| September                                 | ..                            | 50.4                        | 145.4  | 195.8   | 11.4   | 3.7   | 47.0           | 39.2                                 | 104.6                                | 22.2                              | 5.4    | 15.9 | 9.9 |
| October                                   | ..                            | 50.8                        | 152.5  | 203.3   | 11.3   | 5.2   | 49.3           | 39.2                                 | 105.2                                | 20.7                              | 5.5    | 16.1 | 9.8 |
| November                                  | ..                            | 53.8                        | 155.9  | 209.7   | 11.4   | 6.7   | 51.7           | 39.2                                 | 105.4                                | 20.4                              | 5.5    | 16.1 | 9.7 |
| December(d)                               | ..                            | 55.2                        | 159.8  | 215.0   | 9.9  | 3.5   | 54.0           | 43.6                                 | 104.6                                | 18.3                              | 5.5    | 16.2 | 9.8 |
| January                                   | ..                            | 55.1                        | 148.8  | 203.9   | 11.0   | 2.5   | 46.4           | 43.6                                 | 107.1                                | 29.9                              | 5.5    | 16.2 | 9.4 |
| February                                  | ..                            | 55.6                        | 148.6  | 204.2   | 10.9   | 2.8   | 44.8           | 43.6                                 | 107.5                                | 45.5                              | 5.6    | 16.0 | 9.2 |
| March                                     | ..                            | 57.6                        | 151.3  | 208.9   | 11.8   | 8.2   | 45.3           | 40.5                                 | 108.1                                | 48.0                              | 5.6    | 16.0 | 9.1 |
| April                                     | ..                            | 58.6                        | 152.4  | 211.0   | 10.4   | 6.8   | 46.8           | 39.7                                 | 110.6                                | 46.3                              | 5.6    | 16.0 | 8.9 |
| May                                       | ..                            | 59.1                        | 151.7  | 210.8   | 9.9  | 6.3   | 46.7           | 38.4                                 | 113.4                                | 38.2                              | 5.7    | 16.1 | 9.0 |
| June                                      | ..                            | 63.3                        | 152.0  | 215.3   | 10.4   | 8.5   | 46.7           | 37.9                                 | 113.9                                | 37.9                              | 5.7    | 16.3 | 9.1 |
| 1958-59—                                  | ..                            |                             |        |   |  |   |                |                                      |                                      |                                   |        |      |     |
| July                                      | ..                            | 65.6                        | 150.9  | 216.5   | 10.6   | 7.9   | 47.2           | 37.4                                 | 119.2                                | 30.2                              | 5.8    | 16.4 | 9.1 |
| August                                    | ..                            | 65.9                        | 151.7  | 217.6   | 11.4   | 4.7   | 50.2           | 37.1                                 | 121.2                                | 22.3                              | 5.8    | 16.5 | 9.2 |
| September                                 | ..                            | 67.5                        | 154.1  | 221.6   | 12.1   | 6.7   | 54.7           | 37.1                                 | 119.0                                | 14.9                              | 5.9    | 16.7 | 9.1 |
| October                                   | ..                            | 68.1                        | 159.1  | 227.2   | 11.0   | 5.9   | 58.6           | 37.1                                 | 121.2                                | 12.6                              | 5.9    | 17.1 | 9.0 |

(a) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1952. (b) At the beginning of July, 1952, the General Banking Division opened, in the books of the Central Bank, a special deposit account with a balance approximating the amount that would be required if it were subject to Special Account provisions of the Banking Act 1945. This represents a change in the form of liquid assets which were previously held, predominantly, in Treasury Bills.

(c) Between March and July, 1952, certain loans to building societies and *crédit foncier* loans for housing were transferred from the General Banking Division to the Commonwealth Savings Bank in exchange for Government Securities. The reduction in these loans (held by the General Banking Division) over this period was approximately £24,000,000. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for the fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols ... —, see page 1.

# PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

## LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA. (£ million.)

| Period.                           | Deposits.            |                             |           | Coin,<br>Bullion,<br>Notes and<br>Cash with<br>Common-<br>wealth Bank. | Commonwealth and<br>State Government<br>Securities. |               | Special<br>Account<br>with Com-<br>monwealth<br>Bank. | Advances. |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|--|---|---------------|---|-----------|
|                                   | Bearing<br>Interest. | Not<br>Bearing<br>Interest. | Total.    |  | Treasury<br>Bills.                                  | Other.        |   |           |
| <b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b> |                      |                             |           |  |   |               |   |           |
| 1936-37..                         | ..                   | 184.7                       | 112.9     | 297.6  | 34.2  | 24.5 (b) 15.0 | ..  | 262.5     |
| 1937-38..                         | ..                   | 194.8                       | 120.0     | 314.8  | 37.1  | 20.7 (b) 21.4 | ..  | 274.4     |
| 1938-39..                         | ..                   | 198.8                       | 118.9     | 317.7  | 33.6  | 21.5 (b) 20.5 | ..  | 288.1     |
| 1951-52..                         | ..                   | 238.2                       | (c) 963.5 | 1,201.7  | 60.6  | 32.4 67.0     | 466.0 (c) 621.4                                       |           |
| 1952-53..                         | ..                   | 218.7                       | 943.7     | 1,162.4  | 74.7  | 123.1 84.0    | 211.7 638.1   |           |
| 1953-54..                         | ..                   | 239.8                       | 1,035.7   | 1,275.5  | 71.2  | 99.4 127.6    | 285.2 658.5   |           |
| 1954-55(d)                        | ..                   | 263.0                       | 1,047.7   | 1,310.7  | 66.9  | 51.6 120.2    | 269.1 776.8   |           |
| 1955-56..                         | ..                   | 263.1                       | 1,032.3   | 1,295.4  | 66.9  | 50.0 113.1    | 238.8 804.4   |           |
| 1956-57..                         | ..                   | 299.5                       | 1,028.5   | 1,328.0  | 63.7  | 51.2 151.3    | 254.1 762.6   |           |
| 1957-58..                         | ..                   | 345.4                       | 1,045.9   | 1,391.3  | 59.8  | 39.0 176.2    | 287.4 774.3   |           |
| <b>1956-57—</b>                   |                      |                             |           |  |   |               |   |           |
| October                           | ..                   | 287.6                       | 993.9     | 1,281.5  | 64.3  | 51.9 123.9    | 225.9 780.2   |           |
| November                          | ..                   | 293.4                       | 1,018.0   | 1,311.4  | 63.8  | 54.1 135.6    | 235.9 771.2   |           |
| December(e)                       | ..                   | 299.2                       | 1,041.4   | 1,340.6  | 65.9  | 62.5 150.3    | 235.9 762.2   |           |
| January                           | ..                   | 305.6                       | 1,056.9   | 1,362.5  | 73.1  | 83.3 166.7    | 237.7 744.9   |           |
| February                          | ..                   | 310.1                       | 1,080.8   | 1,390.9  | 66.2  | 88.6 182.1    | 261.8 732.5   |           |
| March                             | ..                   | 312.9                       | 1,103.4   | 1,416.3  | 60.2  | 92.4 188.4    | 282.7 725.5   |           |
| April ..                          | ..                   | 311.9                       | 1,083.1   | 1,395.0  | 51.7  | 47.7 184.0    | 300.4 743.5   |           |
| May ..                            | ..                   | 316.3                       | 1,052.4   | 1,368.7  | 55.8  | 27.7 173.5    | 300.4 757.3   |           |
| June ..                           | ..                   | 321.2                       | 1,040.9   | 1,362.1  | 56.1  | 15.9 167.6    | 300.4 766.2   |           |
| <b>1957-58—</b>                   |                      |                             |           |  |   |               |   |           |
| July ..                           | ..                   | 328.9                       | 1,020.7   | 1,349.6  | 59.1  | 18.8 158.9    | 300.4 770.5   |           |
| August ..                         | ..                   | 330.6                       | 1,001.3   | 1,331.9  | 60.3  | 17.0 158.3    | 300.4 762.0   |           |
| September ..                      | ..                   | 334.2                       | 1,008.0   | 1,342.2  | 57.9  | 21.1 159.8    | 300.4 756.1   |           |
| October ..                        | ..                   | 344.3                       | 1,041.2   | 1,385.5  | 62.7  | 34.8 163.2    | 300.4 765.5   |           |
| November ..                       | ..                   | 344.2                       | 1,062.4   | 1,406.6  | 56.9  | 37.8 174.6    | 300.4 772.0   |           |
| December(e) ..                    | ..                   | 346.0                       | 1,085.7   | 1,431.7  | 66.4  | 46.2 180.5    | 296.0 766.3   |           |
| January ..                        | ..                   | 352.4                       | 1,093.3   | 1,445.7  | 69.2  | 69.5 196.1    | 296.0 753.4   |           |
| February ..                       | ..                   | 352.4                       | 1,091.2   | 1,443.6  | 58.9  | 77.1 201.9    | 296.0 749.6   |           |
| March ..                          | ..                   | 356.4                       | 1,093.2   | 1,449.6  | 56.9  | 86.1 204.4    | 284.0 754.6   |           |
| April ..                          | ..                   | 353.3                       | 1,061.1   | 1,414.4  | 53.2  | 33.5 196.3    | 272.9 792.2   |           |
| May ..                            | ..                   | 350.2                       | 1,004.0   | 1,354.2  | 58.0  | 15.1 166.6    | 254.9 819.5   |           |
| June ..                           | ..                   | 352.8                       | 990.2     | 1,343.0  | 58.4  | 13.0 151.7    | 244.2 831.7   |           |
| <b>1958-59—</b>                   |                      |                             |           |  |   |               |   |           |
| July ..                           | ..                   | 363.5                       | 967.7     | 1,331.2  | 63.2  | 13.1 144.1    | 233.2 844.9   |           |
| August ..                         | ..                   | 366.2                       | 955.3     | 1,321.5  | 55.4  | 23.4 143.4    | 227.5 838.8   |           |
| September ..                      | ..                   | 361.7                       | 962.3     | 1,324.0  | 57.8  | 27.0 146.1    | 227.5 829.8   |           |
| October ..                        | ..                   | 365.9                       | 986.8     | 1,352.7  | 60.5  | 30.7 155.2    | 227.5 830.9   |           |

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. Now includes Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd. The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., The English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., The National Bank of Australasia Ltd., The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in vol. liq.) and from March, 1955, The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Includes Municipal Securities. (c) Figures are not strictly comparable with earlier periods owing to changes in classification of some minor assets and liabilities. (d) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

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# PRIVATE TRADING BANKS(a)—continued.

## RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA. (Per Cent.)

| Period.                           |       | Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits. |                                 |  |   |           | Percentage<br>Non-interest<br>bearing to<br>Total<br>Deposits. |
|-----------------------------------|-------|--|---------------------------------|--|---|-----------|--|
|                                   |       | Cash in<br>Australia.  | +<br>Cash<br>Treasury<br>Bills. | Cash<br>+<br>Treasury<br>Bills<br>+ Other<br>Common-<br>wealth and<br>State<br>Government<br>Securities. | Special<br>Account<br>with Com-<br>monwealth<br>Bank. | Advances. |  |
| <b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b> |       |  |                                 |  |   |           |  |
| 1936-37                           | .. .. | 11.5   | 19.7                            | (b) 24.8   | ..  | 88.2      | 37.9   |
| 1937-38                           | .. .. | 11.8   | 18.4                            | (b) 25.2   | ..  | 87.1      | 38.1   |
| 1938-39                           | .. .. | 10.6   | 17.4                            | (3) 23.8   | ..  | 90.7      | 37.4   |
| 1951-52                           | .. .. | 5.0  | 7.7                             | 13.3   | 38.8  | (c) 51.7  | 80.2   |
| 1952-53                           | .. .. | 6.4  | 17.0                            | 24.3   | 18.2  | 54.9      | 81.2   |
| 1953-54                           | .. .. | 5.6  | 13.4                            | 23.4   | 22.4  | 51.6      | 81.2   |
| 1954-55(d)                        | .. .. | 5.1  | 9.0                             | 18.2   | 20.5  | 59.3      | 79.9   |
| 1955-56                           | .. .. | 5.2  | 9.0                             | 17.7   | 18.4  | 62.1      | 79.7   |
| 1956-57                           | .. .. | 4.8  | 8.6                             | 20.0   | 19.1  | 57.4      | 77.5   |
| 1957-58                           | .. .. | 4.3  | 7.1                             | 19.8   | 20.7  | 55.7      | 75.2   |
| 1956-57—                          |       |  |                                 |  |   |           |  |
| October                           | .. .. | 5.0  | 9.1                             | 18.8   | 17.6  | 60.9      | 77.5   |
| November                          | .. .. | 4.9  | 9.0                             | 19.3   | 18.0  | 58.8      | 77.6   |
| December(e)                       | .. .. | 4.9  | 9.6                             | 20.8   | 17.6  | 56.9      | 77.7   |
| January                           | .. .. | 5.4  | 11.5                            | 23.7   | 17.4  | 54.7      | 77.6   |
| February                          | .. .. | 4.8  | 11.1                            | 24.2   | 18.8  | 52.7      | 77.7   |
| March                             | .. .. | 4.3  | 10.8                            | 24.1   | 20.0  | 51.2      | 77.9   |
| April                             | .. .. | 3.7  | 7.1                             | 20.3   | 21.5  | 53.3      | 77.6   |
| May                               | .. .. | 4.1  | 6.1                             | 18.8   | 21.9  | 55.3      | 76.9   |
| June                              | .. .. | 4.1  | 5.3                             | 17.6   | 22.1  | 56.3      | 76.4   |
| 1957-58—                          |       |  |                                 |  |   |           |  |
| July                              | .. .. | 4.4  | 5.8                             | 17.6   | 22.3  | 57.1      | 75.6   |
| August                            | .. .. | 4.5  | 5.8                             | 17.7   | 22.5  | 57.2      | 75.2   |
| September                         | .. .. | 4.3  | 5.9                             | 17.8   | 22.4  | 56.3      | 75.1   |
| October                           | .. .. | 4.5  | 7.0                             | 18.8   | 21.7  | 55.2      | 75.2   |
| November                          | .. .. | 4.0  | 6.7                             | 19.1   | 21.4  | 54.9      | 75.5   |
| December(e)                       | .. .. | 4.6  | 7.9                             | 20.5   | 20.7  | 53.5      | 75.8   |
| January                           | .. .. | 4.8  | 9.6                             | 23.2   | 20.5  | 52.1      | 75.6   |
| February                          | .. .. | 4.1  | 9.4                             | 23.4   | 20.5  | 51.9      | 75.6   |
| March                             | .. .. | 3.9  | 9.8                             | 24.0   | 19.6  | 52.1      | 75.4   |
| April                             | .. .. | 3.7  | 6.1                             | 20.0   | 19.3  | 56.0      | 75.0   |
| May                               | .. .. | 4.3  | 5.4                             | 17.7   | 18.8  | 60.5      | 74.1   |
| June                              | .. .. | 4.3  | 5.3                             | 16.6   | 18.2  | 61.9      | 73.7   |
| 1958-59—                          |       |  |                                 |  |   |           |  |
| July ..                           | .. .. | 4.8  | 5.8                             | 16.6   | 17.5  | 63.5      | 72.7   |
| August ..                         | .. .. | 4.2  | 6.0                             | 16.8   | 17.2  | 63.5      | 72.3   |
| September ..                      | .. .. | 4.4  | 6.4                             | 17.4   | 17.2  | 62.7      | 72.7   |
| October ..                        | .. .. | 4.5  | 6.8                             | 18.2   | 16.8  | 61.4      | 73.0   |

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page. (b) Includes Municipal securities.  
with earlier periods owing to changes in classification of some minor assets and liabilities.  
(c) Figures are not strictly comparable  
(d) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in  
vol. liq.) included from March, 1955.

(e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols .., —— see page 1.

**COMMONWEALTH(a) AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(b)**  
**(Major Trading Banks.)**

**LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.**  
**(£ million.)**

| Period.                               | Deposits.            |                             |         | Coin,<br>Bullion,<br>Notes and<br>Cash with<br>Common-<br>wealth Bank. | Commonwealth and<br>State Government<br>Securities. |        | Special<br>Account<br>with Com-<br>monwealth<br>Bank. | Advances. |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------|--|---|--------|---|-----------|
|                                       | Bearing<br>Interest. | Not<br>Bearing<br>Interest. | Total.  |  | Treasury<br>Bills.                                  | Other. |   |           |
| <b>Average of Weekly<br/>Figures—</b> |                      |                             |         |  |   |        |   |           |
| 1951-52..                             | ..                   | 258.3                       | 1,054.1 | 1,312.4  | 67.2  | 58.8   | 80.3  | 466.0     |
| 1952-53..                             | ..                   | 241.5                       | 1,040.4 | 1,281.9  | 83.5  | 140.3  | 109.9   | 233.5     |
| 1953-54..                             | ..                   | 275.1                       | 1,156.6 | 1,431.7  | 82.2  | 122.8  | 157.5   | 320.0     |
| 1954-55(c)                            | ..                   | 306.5                       | 1,178.6 | 1,485.1  | 77.4  | 63.9   | 158.4   | 305.2     |
| 1955-56..                             | ..                   | 309.4                       | 1,167.9 | 1,477.3  | 77.1  | 56.3   | 151.7   | 272.0     |
| 1956-57..                             | ..                   | 343.9                       | 1,168.7 | 1,512.6  | 73.6  | 55.2   | 187.0   | 288.7     |
| 1957-58..                             | ..                   | 400.3                       | 1,196.1 | 1,596.4  | 70.6  | 44.5   | 222.7   | 327.6     |
| <b>1956-57—</b>                       |                      |                             |         |  |   |        |   |           |
| October                               | ..                   | 330.7                       | 1,132.7 | 1,463.4  | 74.1  | 54.7   | 160.4   | 257.6     |
| November                              | ..                   | 337.1                       | 1,160.9 | 1,498.0  | 74.9  | 58.4   | 171.5   | 269.6     |
| December(d)                           | ..                   | 344.2                       | 1,185.5 | 1,529.7  | 74.8  | 67.3   | 186.2   | 269.6     |
| January                               | ..                   | 350.0                       | 1,194.7 | 1,544.7  | 84.0  | 87.0   | 198.8   | 271.3     |
| February                              | ..                   | 355.1                       | 1,220.5 | 1,575.6  | 76.0  | 94.0   | 215.7   | 296.8     |
| March                                 | ..                   | 357.6                       | 1,246.1 | 1,603.7  | 70.7  | 96.4   | 224.5   | 319.9     |
| April ..                              | ..                   | 357.1                       | 1,227.8 | 1,584.9  | 62.4  | 51.2   | 221.0   | 339.6     |
| May ..                                | ..                   | 362.0                       | 1,195.2 | 1,557.2  | 65.5  | 31.6   | 209.6   | 339.6     |
| June ..                               | ..                   | 368.8                       | 1,187.2 | 1,556.0  | 67.2  | 22.9   | 204.2   | 339.6     |
| <b>1957-58—</b>                       |                      |                             |         |  |   |        |   |           |
| July ..                               | ..                   | 378.4                       | 1,164.0 | 1,542.4  | 69.8  | 24.8   | 197.9   | 339.6     |
| August                                | ..                   | 381.2                       | 1,145.4 | 1,526.6  | 70.9  | 22.6   | 201.3   | 339.6     |
| September                             | ..                   | 384.6                       | 1,153.5 | 1,538.1  | 69.3  | 24.8   | 206.8   | 339.6     |
| October                               | ..                   | 395.1                       | 1,193.7 | 1,588.8  | 74.1  | 40.0   | 212.6   | 339.6     |
| November                              | ..                   | 398.0                       | 1,218.3 | 1,616.3  | 68.3  | 44.5   | 226.3   | 339.6     |
| December(d)                           | ..                   | 401.2                       | 1,245.5 | 1,646.7  | 76.2  | 49.7   | 234.5   | 339.6     |
| January                               | ..                   | 407.5                       | 1,242.1 | 1,649.6  | 80.2  | 72.0   | 242.5   | 339.6     |
| February                              | ..                   | 408.0                       | 1,239.8 | 1,647.8  | 69.8  | 79.9   | 246.7   | 339.6     |
| March                                 | ..                   | 413.9                       | 1,244.6 | 1,658.5  | 68.7  | 94.4   | 249.7   | 324.6     |
| April ..                              | ..                   | 411.9                       | 1,213.5 | 1,625.4  | 63.6  | 40.3   | 243.1   | 312.6     |
| May ..                                | ..                   | 409.3                       | 1,155.7 | 1,565.0  | 67.9  | 21.4   | 213.3   | 293.3     |
| June ..                               | ..                   | 416.1                       | 1,142.2 | 1,558.3  | 68.8  | 21.5   | 198.4   | 282.1     |
| <b>1958-59—</b>                       |                      |                             |         |  |   |        |   |           |
| July ..                               | ..                   | 429.1                       | 1,118.6 | 1,547.7  | 73.8  | 21.0   | 191.3   | 270.6     |
| August                                | ..                   | 432.1                       | 1,107.0 | 1,539.1  | 66.8  | 28.1   | 193.6   | 264.6     |
| September                             | ..                   | 429.2                       | 1,116.4 | 1,545.6  | 69.9  | 33.7   | 200.8   | 264.6     |
| October                               | ..                   | 434.0                       | 1,145.9 | 1,579.9  | 71.5  | 36.6   | 213.8   | 264.6     |

(a) General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953. (b) See footnote (a), page 50.  
 (c) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

# COMMONWEALTH(a) AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(b)

## (Major Trading Banks.)

### RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

| Period.                           | Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits. |                        |   |   |           | Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits. |
|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------|---|---|-----------|--|
|                                   | Cash in Australia.   | + Cash Treasury Bills. | Cash + Treasury Bills + Other Commonwealth and State Government Securities. | Special Account with Commonwealth Bank. | Advances. |  |
| <b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b> |  |                        |   |   |           |  |
| 1951-52 .. ..                     | 5.1  | 9.6                    | 15.7  | 35.5                                    | 53.2      | 80.3   |
| 1952-53 .. ..                     | 6.5  | 17.4                   | 26.0  | 18.2                                    | 54.4      | 81.2   |
| 1953-54 .. ..                     | 5.7  | 14.3                   | 25.3  | 22.3                                    | 50.8      | 80.8   |
| 1954-55(c) .. ..                  | 5.2  | 9.5                    | 20.2  | 20.5                                    | 58.3      | 79.4   |
| 1955-56 .. ..                     | 5.2  | 9.0                    | 19.3  | 18.4                                    | 61.5      | 79.1   |
| 1956-57 .. ..                     | 4.9  | 8.5                    | 20.9  | 19.1                                    | 57.5      | 77.3   |
| 1957-58 .. ..                     | 4.4  | 7.2                    | 21.2  | 20.5                                    | 55.3      | 74.9   |
| 1956-57—                          |  |                        |   |   |           |  |
| October .. ..                     | 5.1  | 8.8                    | 19.8  | 17.6                                    | 60.7      | 77.4   |
| November .. ..                    | 5.0  | 8.9                    | 20.4  | 18.0                                    | 58.7      | 77.5   |
| December(d) .. ..                 | 4.9  | 9.3                    | 21.5  | 17.6                                    | 56.9      | 77.5   |
| January .. ..                     | 5.4  | 11.0                   | 23.9  | 17.6                                    | 55.4      | 77.3   |
| February .. ..                    | 4.8  | 10.8                   | 24.5  | 18.8                                    | 53.4      | 77.5   |
| March .. ..                       | 4.4  | 10.4                   | 24.4  | 20.0                                    | 51.8      | 77.7   |
| April .. ..                       | 3.9  | 7.1                    | 21.1  | 21.4                                    | 53.5      | 77.5   |
| May .. ..                         | 4.2  | 6.2                    | 19.7  | 21.8                                    | 55.4      | 76.7   |
| June.. ..                         | 4.3  | 5.8                    | 18.9  | 21.8                                    | 55.8      | 76.3   |
| 1957-58—                          |  |                        |   |   |           |  |
| July .. ..                        | 4.6  | 6.2                    | 19.0  | 22.0                                    | 56.9      | 75.5   |
| August .. ..                      | 4.6  | 6.1                    | 19.3  | 22.2                                    | 56.8      | 75.0   |
| September .. ..                   | 4.5  | 6.1                    | 19.6  | 22.1                                    | 56.0      | 75.0   |
| October .. ..                     | 4.7  | 7.2                    | 20.6  | 21.4                                    | 54.8      | 75.1   |
| November .. ..                    | 4.2  | 7.0                    | 21.0  | 21.0                                    | 54.3      | 75.4   |
| December(d) .. ..                 | 4.6  | 7.6                    | 21.9  | 20.6                                    | 52.9      | 75.6   |
| January .. ..                     | 4.8  | 9.2                    | 23.9  | 20.6                                    | 52.2      | 75.3   |
| February .. ..                    | 4.2  | 9.1                    | 24.1  | 20.6                                    | 52.0      | 75.2   |
| March .. ..                       | 4.1  | 9.8                    | 24.9  | 19.6                                    | 52.0      | 75.0   |
| April .. ..                       | 3.9  | 6.4                    | 21.4  | 19.2                                    | 55.5      | 74.7   |
| May .. ..                         | 4.3  | 5.7                    | 19.3  | 18.7                                    | 59.6      | 73.8   |
| June.. ..                         | 4.4  | 5.8                    | 18.5  | 18.1                                    | 60.7      | 73.3   |
| 1958-59—                          |  |                        |   |   |           |  |
| July .. ..                        | 4.8  | 6.1                    | 18.5  | 17.5                                    | 62.3      | 72.3   |
| August .. ..                      | 4.3  | 6.1                    | 18.7  | 17.2                                    | 62.4      | 71.9   |
| September .. ..                   | 4.5  | 6.7                    | 19.7  | 17.1                                    | 61.4      | 72.2   |
| October .. ..                     | 4.5  | 6.8                    | 20.4  | 16.7                                    | 60.3      | 72.5   |

(a) General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953. (b) See footnote (a), page 50.

(c) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

# ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)

## LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA. (£ million.)

| Period.                           | Deposits.            |                             |         | Coin,<br>Bullion,<br>Notes and<br>Cash with<br>Common-<br>wealth Bank. | Commonwealth and<br>State Government<br>Securities. |           | Special<br>Account<br>with Com-<br>monwealth<br>Bank. | Advances. |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------|--|---|-----------|---|-----------|
|                                   | Bearing<br>Interest. | Not<br>Bearing<br>Interest. | Total   |  | Treasury<br>Bills.                                  | Other.    |   |           |
| <b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b> |                      |                             |         |  |   |           |   |           |
| 1951-52..                         | ..                   | 271.7                       | 1,091.5 | 1,363.2  | 72.3  | 61.7      | 94.4  | 468.6     |
| 1952-53..                         | ..                   | 256.8                       | 1,076.3 | 1,333.1  | (b) 88.2  | (b) 144.2 | (c) 123.0   | 234.6     |
| 1953-54..                         | ..                   | 290.4                       | 1,196.0 | 1,486.4  | 87.3  | 130.1     | 170.8   | 321.1     |
| 1954-55..                         | ..                   | 322.6                       | 1,220.0 | 1,542.6  | 82.0  | 69.5      | 171.7   | 306.3     |
| 1955-56..                         | ..                   | 325.7                       | 1,207.7 | 1,533.4  | 81.1  | 60.5      | 165.5   | 272.8     |
| 1956-57..                         | ..                   | 360.9                       | 1,209.9 | 1,570.8  | 77.5  | 59.1      | 202.1   | 289.4     |
| 1957-58..                         | ..                   | 420.6                       | 1,238.1 | 1,658.7  | 74.4  | 48.7      | 237.2   | 328.3     |
| <b>1956-57—</b>                   |                      |                             |         |  |   |           |   |           |
| October                           | ..                   | 346.7                       | 1,170.9 | 1,517.6  | 77.8  | 57.0      | 174.7   | 258.4     |
| November                          | ..                   | 353.6                       | 1,200.8 | 1,554.4  | 79.0  | 61.3      | 186.4   | 270.3     |
| December(d)                       | ..                   | 361.2                       | 1,226.2 | 1,587.4  | 78.9  | 70.4      | 201.4   | 270.3     |
| January                           | ..                   | 367.2                       | 1,237.7 | 1,604.9  | 88.1  | 90.9      | 214.3   | 272.1     |
| February                          | ..                   | 372.5                       | 1,265.7 | 1,638.2  | 80.3  | 99.9      | 231.9   | 297.6     |
| March                             | ..                   | 374.9                       | 1,291.8 | 1,666.7  | 74.6  | 102.9     | 240.8   | 320.7     |
| April ..                          | ..                   | 374.5                       | 1,272.5 | 1,647.0  | 66.2  | 57.4      | 236.7   | 340.3     |
| May ..                            | ..                   | 379.4                       | 1,238.3 | 1,617.7  | 69.4  | 37.3      | 224.8   | 340.3     |
| June ..                           | ..                   | 386.8                       | 1,228.7 | 1,615.5  | 71.3  | 27.1      | 219.2   | 340.3     |
| <b>1957-58—</b>                   |                      |                             |         |  |   |           |   |           |
| July ..                           | ..                   | 397.6                       | 1,205.2 | 1,602.8  | 74.3  | 29.6      | 212.6   | 340.3     |
| August ..                         | ..                   | 400.3                       | 1,185.6 | 1,585.9  | 74.5  | 26.9      | 215.6   | 340.3     |
| September ..                      | ..                   | 403.9                       | 1,192.7 | 1,596.6  | 73.0  | 29.2      | 220.8   | 340.3     |
| October ..                        | ..                   | 414.3                       | 1,234.5 | 1,648.8  | 78.0  | 44.8      | 226.4   | 340.3     |
| November ..                       | ..                   | 417.7                       | 1,260.6 | 1,678.3  | 72.6  | 49.8      | 240.7   | 340.3     |
| December(d) ..                    | ..                   | 421.1                       | 1,288.5 | 1,709.6  | 80.6  | 55.3      | 249.0   | 340.3     |
| January ..                        | ..                   | 427.9                       | 1,287.7 | 1,715.6  | 84.5  | 77.3      | 257.3   | 340.3     |
| February ..                       | ..                   | 428.4                       | 1,284.9 | 1,713.3  | 73.7  | 86.0      | 261.7   | 340.3     |
| March ..                          | ..                   | 433.9                       | 1,289.3 | 1,723.2  | 72.3  | 99.1      | 264.7   | 325.3     |
| April ..                          | ..                   | 432.9                       | 1,256.4 | 1,689.3  | 67.1  | 43.0      | 258.1   | 313.3     |
| May ..                            | ..                   | 431.8                       | 1,195.7 | 1,627.5  | 70.9  | 22.6      | 228.0   | 294.0     |
| June ..                           | ..                   | 439.1                       | 1,181.0 | 1,620.1  | 71.9  | 22.0      | 212.6   | 282.7     |
| <b>1958-59—</b>                   |                      |                             |         |  |   |           |   |           |
| July ..                           | ..                   | 454.1                       | 1,155.4 | 1,609.5  | 77.4  | 21.5      | 205.0   | 271.2     |
| August ..                         | ..                   | 457.0                       | 1,143.0 | 1,600.0  | 70.3  | 28.6      | 207.1   | 265.2     |
| September ..                      | ..                   | 453.7                       | 1,152.4 | 1,606.1  | 73.1  | 34.2      | 214.2   | 265.2     |
| October ..                        | ..                   | 458.9                       | 1,182.3 | 1,641.2  | 75.3  | 37.1      | 227.2   | 265.2     |

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Includes General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (Commonwealth Trading Bank from 3rd December, 1953), the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See note (b), page 49. (c) See note (c), page 49. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbol ——, see page 1.

# ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

## DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

| Period.                           | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queens-land. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total. |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|--------|
| <b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b> |                  |           |              |                  |                    |           |                               |        |
| 1951-52..                         | 156.6            | 142.3     | 41.5         | 30.8             | 21.8               | 8.9       | 0.5                           | 402.4  |
| 1952-53..                         | 151.9            | 132.0     | 43.8         | 30.1             | 22.1               | 8.8       | 0.6                           | 389.3  |
| 1953-54..                         | 171.7            | 154.9     | 51.0         | 32.8             | 25.4               | 9.9       | 0.8                           | 446.5  |
| 1954-55(b)                        | 187.5            | 176.2     | 53.9         | 36.3             | 26.2               | 10.7      | 0.8                           | 491.6  |
| 1955-56..                         | 200.9            | 185.4     | 56.0         | 39.6             | 26.9               | 11.6      | 1.0                           | 521.4  |
| 1956-57..                         | 219.4            | 195.5     | 62.7         | 42.7             | 28.6               | 12.6      | 1.2                           | 562.7  |
| 1957-58..                         | 230.4            | 207.1     | 65.6         | 44.3             | 30.2               | 12.9      | 1.5                           | 592.0  |
| 1956-57—                          |                  |           |              |                  |                    |           |                               |        |
| October ..                        | 221.8            | 192.3     | 63.3         | 42.0             | 29.2               | 12.4      | 1.2                           | 562.2  |
| November ..                       | 226.1            | 194.2     | 65.5         | 42.8             | 29.2               | 12.4      | 1.0                           | 571.2  |
| December ..                       | 231.7            | 202.8     | 65.2         | 45.5             | 28.9               | 14.3      | 1.2                           | 589.6  |
| January ..                        | 202.3            | 188.0     | 60.4         | 38.2             | 30.0               | 10.7      | 1.4                           | 531.0  |
| February ..                       | 224.7            | 206.2     | 66.2         | 48.7             | 30.7               | 13.0      | 1.2                           | 590.7  |
| March ..                          | 233.5            | 207.1     | 63.6         | 46.5             | 30.5               | 14.4      | 1.5                           | 597.1  |
| April ..                          | 232.2            | 210.4     | 63.8         | 46.0             | 27.4               | 12.8      | 1.3                           | 593.9  |
| May ..                            | 229.8            | 214.6     | 64.2         | 44.9             | 29.0               | 13.3      | 1.4                           | 597.2  |
| June ..                           | 234.5            | 201.7     | 65.9         | 44.3             | 27.6               | 13.4      | 1.4                           | 588.8  |
| 1957-58—                          |                  |           |              |                  |                    |           |                               |        |
| July ..                           | 235.9            | 204.5     | 70.9         | 46.5             | 28.5               | 12.8      | 1.6                           | 600.7  |
| August ..                         | 205.8            | 184.0     | 60.2         | 38.7             | 26.3               | 11.2      | 1.3                           | 527.5  |
| September ..                      | 227.4            | 196.6     | 67.3         | 43.1             | 29.6               | 11.8      | 1.2                           | 577.0  |
| October ..                        | 233.6            | 210.5     | 69.2         | 44.1             | 32.4               | 12.0      | 1.5                           | 603.3  |
| November ..                       | 237.9            | 212.5     | 66.4         | 45.6             | 31.9               | 12.6      | 1.4                           | 608.3  |
| December ..                       | 253.9            | 242.8     | 72.5         | 48.8             | 32.7               | 15.3      | 1.5                           | 667.5  |
| January ..                        | 200.6            | 173.5     | 57.1         | 39.1             | 30.7               | 10.5      | 1.2                           | 512.7  |
| February ..                       | 232.6            | 201.9     | 61.7         | 45.9             | 31.2               | 12.8      | 1.5                           | 587.6  |
| March ..                          | 239.8            | 212.5     | 64.2         | 45.6             | 31.2               | 14.5      | 1.6                           | 609.4  |
| April ..                          | 234.2            | 216.5     | 66.8         | 46.1             | 29.8               | 13.9      | 2.1                           | 609.4  |
| May ..                            | 235.0            | 218.2     | 64.6         | 44.8             | 29.7               | 14.2      | 1.7                           | 608.2  |
| June ..                           | 231.8            | 216.9     | 66.5         | 43.4             | 28.3               | 14.3      | 1.8                           | 603.0  |
| 1958-59—                          |                  |           |              |                  |                    |           |                               |        |
| July ..                           | 242.6            | 219.6     | 71.0         | 44.2             | 28.8               | 14.2      | 2.3                           | 622.7  |
| August ..                         | 218.8            | 195.0     | 64.8         | 40.3             | 25.9               | 11.8      | 1.6                           | 558.2  |
| September ..                      | 236.1            | 206.9     | 69.8         | 42.4             | 28.2               | 12.4      | 1.9                           | 597.7  |
| October ..                        | 252.3            | 224.4     | 72.5         | 45.1             | 30.4               | 13.3      | 1.8                           | 639.8  |

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. Includes in addition to the banks included in series on page 54, the Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) to The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded for March, 1955 and subsequent months.

# SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS.

(£ million.)

| At end of— | Amounts on Deposit in Savings Banks. |           |              |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |                  |
|------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
|            | New South Wales.                     | Victoria. | Queens-land. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia.       |
| 1936-37 .. | 82.0                                 | 75.7      | 27.3         | 26.5             | 11.8               | 7.2       | 0.1                 | 0.3                           | 230.9            |
| 1937-38 .. | 86.0                                 | 78.9      | 28.2         | 27.2             | 12.0               | 7.7       | 0.1                 | 0.3                           | 240.4            |
| 1938-39 .. | 87.5                                 | 80.5      | 29.0         | 27.4             | 12.4               | 8.4       | 0.1                 | 0.3                           | 245.6            |
| 1951-52 .. | 304.5                                | 300.8     | 102.7        | 103.7            | 47.2               | 30.1      | 1.1                 | 1.8                           | 891.9            |
| 1952-53 .. | 319.1                                | 320.0     | 109.4        | 113.9            | 49.8               | 32.1      | 1.1                 | 2.1                           | 947.5            |
| 1953-54 .. | 339.8                                | 339.8     | 117.4        | 122.9            | 52.6               | 34.0      | 1.3                 | 2.3                           | 1,010.1          |
| 1954-55 .. | 358.6                                | 364.8     | 124.8        | 131.7            | 53.6               | 35.8      | 1.5                 | 2.6                           | 1,073.4          |
| 1955-56 .. | 386.6                                | 386.2     | 132.7        | 135.7            | 57.9               | 37.2      | 1.7                 | 3.0                           | 1,141.0          |
| 1956-57 .. | 422.2                                | 411.6     | 144.6        | 142.4            | 62.7               | 38.7      | 1.9                 | 3.3                           | 1,227.4          |
| 1957-58 .. | 449.0                                | 433.6     | 153.2        | 148.9            | 66.0               | 40.2      | 2.1                 | 3.8                           | 1,296.8          |
| 1956-57—   |                                      |           |              |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |                  |
| October    | 403.1                                | 398.9     | 139.4        | 138.2            | 61.0               | 38.5      | 1.8                 | 3.1                           | 1,184.0          |
| November   | 405.4                                | 401.6     | 140.5        | 138.6            | 61.4               | 38.4      | 1.8                 | 3.2                           | 1,190.9          |
| December   | 406.0                                | 400.4     | 140.8        | 137.6            | 61.1               | 38.2      | 1.7                 | 3.1                           | 1,188.9          |
| January    | 408.0                                | 400.4     | 140.1        | 137.6            | 61.0               | 38.3      | 1.8                 | 3.1                           | 1,190.3          |
| February   | 411.9                                | 402.7     | 140.6        | 138.8            | 61.2               | 38.6      | 1.8                 | 3.1                           | 1,198.7          |
| March      | 412.3                                | 402.2     | 140.4        | 138.5            | 61.1               | 38.5      | 1.8                 | 3.2                           | 1,198.0          |
| April ..   | 411.2                                | 400.6     | 140.4        | 138.3            | 61.0               | 38.4      | 1.8                 | 3.2                           | 1,194.9          |
| May ..     | 413.1                                | 402.8     | 141.3        | 138.7            | 61.3               | 38.5      | 1.8                 | 3.3                           | 1,200.8          |
| June ..    | 422.2                                | 411.6     | 144.6        | 142.4            | 62.7               | 38.7      | 1.9                 | 3.3                           | <i>a</i> 1,227.4 |
| 1957-58—   |                                      |           |              |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |                  |
| July ..    | 424.9                                | 412.9     | 146.5        | 143.2            | 63.0               | 39.2      | 2.0                 | 3.4                           | 1,235.1          |
| August ..  | 429.1                                | 416.9     | 148.7        | 143.9            | 63.8               | 39.9      | 2.0                 | 3.4                           | 1,247.7          |
| September  | 430.9                                | 418.0     | 150.1        | 144.2            | 64.1               | 39.8      | 2.1                 | 3.5                           | 1,252.7          |
| October    | 436.0                                | 422.0     | 152.1        | 146.1            | 65.1               | 40.0      | 2.1                 | 3.5                           | 1,266.9          |
| November   | 436.2                                | 423.2     | 152.0        | 146.2            | 65.1               | 39.8      | 2.1                 | 3.6                           | 1,268.2          |
| December   | 437.1                                | 423.0     | 151.4        | 145.7            | 64.9               | 39.6      | 2.0                 | 3.6                           | 1,267.3          |
| January    | 439.0                                | 423.3     | 150.6        | 146.4            | 64.8               | 39.7      | 2.0                 | 3.7                           | 1,269.5          |
| February   | 439.7                                | 423.2     | 150.0        | 146.3            | 64.6               | 39.9      | 2.0                 | 3.7                           | 1,269.4          |
| March ..   | 439.1                                | 422.7     | 149.4        | 145.9            | 64.6               | 39.8      | 2.0                 | 3.8                           | 1,267.3          |
| April ..   | 440.4                                | 423.5     | 149.8        | 145.7            | 64.8               | 39.9      | 2.0                 | 3.7                           | 1,269.8          |
| May ..     | 440.7                                | 425.4     | 150.0        | 145.0            | 64.6               | 39.8      | 2.0                 | 3.7                           | 1,271.2          |
| June ..    | 449.0                                | 433.6     | 153.2        | 148.9            | 66.0               | 40.2      | 2.1                 | 3.8                           | <i>a</i> 1,296.8 |
| 1958-59—   |                                      |           |              |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |                  |
| July ..    | 451.9                                | 434.9     | 155.1        | 149.6            | 66.4               | 40.7      | 2.2                 | 4.0                           | 1,304.8          |
| August ..  | 454.1                                | 437.1     | 156.2        | 149.4            | 66.5               | 41.3      | 2.2                 | 4.0                           | 1,310.8          |
| September  | 457.7                                | 439.1     | 158.2        | 149.8            | 67.7               | 41.5      | 2.2                 | 4.0                           | 1,320.2          |
| October    | 459.3                                | 440.8     | 159.4        | 150.0            | 67.9               | 41.3      | 2.2                 | 4.1                           | 1,325.0          |

(a) Interest added 1956-57, £29.1m.: 1957-58, £31.2m. The major part of this interest was added in June each year.

# LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

| Period.                 | New Policies Issued.(b) |                 |                        |                 | Premiums.(c)                 |                                | Claims, etc., Paid.(d)       |                                | New<br>Loans<br>Granted.<br>(e) |  |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
|                         | Ordinary Department.    |                 | Industrial Department. |                 | Ordinary<br>Depart-<br>ment. | Industrial<br>Depart-<br>ment. | Ordinary<br>Depart-<br>ment. | Industrial<br>Depart-<br>ment. |                                 |  |
|                         | Number.                 | Sum<br>Assured. | Number.                | Sum<br>Assured. |                              |                                |                              |                                |                                 |  |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                         | £'000.          |                        | £'000.          | £'000.                       | £'000.                         | £'000.                       | £'000.                         | £'000.                          |  |
| 1937 .. ..              | 12,296                  | 4,120           | 36,148                 | 1,684           | 1,045                        | 474                            | 747                          | 223                            | n.a.                            |  |
| 1938 .. ..              | 11,470                  | 3,867           | 32,757                 | 1,530           | 1,075                        | 617                            | 781                          | 246                            | n.a.                            |  |
| 1939 .. ..              | 11,293                  | 3,886           | 32,125                 | 1,545           | 1,144                        | 541                            | 835                          | 303                            | n.a.                            |  |
| 1951-52.. ..            | 23,607                  | 18,464          | 23,216                 | 2,817           | 3,651                        | 1,102                          | 1,441                        | 546                            | 3,963                           |  |
| 1952-53.. ..            | 23,643                  | 18,828          | 22,853                 | 2,946           | 4,186                        | 1,147                          | 1,576                        | 619                            | 3,011                           |  |
| 1953-54.. ..            | 23,709                  | 21,177          | 19,964                 | 2,714           | 4,679                        | 1,172                          | 1,763                        | 670                            | 2,872                           |  |
| 1954-55.. ..            | 23,505                  | 24,365          | 18,415                 | 2,734           | 5,175                        | 1,218                          | 1,983                        | 738                            | 4,319                           |  |
| 1955-56.. ..            | 24,796                  | 27,893          | 17,551                 | 2,721           | 5,785                        | 1,228                          | 2,263                        | 793                            | 4,744                           |  |
| 1956-57.. ..            | 24,328                  | 32,683          | 17,526                 | 2,761           | 6,454                        | 1,248                          | 2,470                        | 841                            | 4,992                           |  |
| 1957-58.. ..            | 24,967                  | 37,562          | 17,414                 | 2,819           | 7,289                        | 1,273                          | 2,797                        | 912                            | 4,948                           |  |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                         |                 |                        |                 |                              |                                |                              |                                |                                 |  |
| <b>1956-57—</b>         |                         |                 |                        |                 |                              |                                |                              |                                |                                 |  |
| September ..            | 32,415                  | 38,409          | 24,957                 | 3,897           | 6,371                        | 1,242                          | 2,432                        | 840                            | 4,746                           |  |
| October ..              | 22,802                  | 30,266          | 16,139                 | 2,484           | 6,223                        | 1,265                          | 2,651                        | 907                            | 4,517                           |  |
| November ..             | 25,701                  | 32,053          | 18,673                 | 2,974           | 6,006                        | 1,429                          | 2,381                        | 852                            | 5,931                           |  |
| December ..             | 27,565                  | 54,543          | 14,746                 | 2,557           | 6,209                        | 1,480                          | 2,343                        | 669                            | 5,643                           |  |
| January ..              | 13,445                  | 17,087          | 5,383                  | 801             | 5,734                        | 756                            | 2,118                        | 644                            | 3,400                           |  |
| February ..             | 19,066                  | 26,103          | 16,373                 | 2,523           | 5,780                        | 1,235                          | 2,328                        | 775                            | 3,609                           |  |
| March ..                | 25,291                  | 31,747          | 18,375                 | 2,866           | 6,282                        | 1,245                          | 2,606                        | 858                            | 5,698                           |  |
| April ..                | 21,986                  | 27,805          | 18,850                 | 2,936           | 6,450                        | 1,254                          | 2,389                        | 832                            | 5,085                           |  |
| May ..                  | 25,644                  | 34,790          | 17,023                 | 2,653           | 7,323                        | 1,274                          | 2,665                        | 963                            | 5,525                           |  |
| June ..                 | 27,024                  | 36,554          | 18,934                 | 3,003           | 7,971                        | 1,306                          | 2,427                        | 887                            | 5,231                           |  |
| <b>1957-58—</b>         |                         |                 |                        |                 |                              |                                |                              |                                |                                 |  |
| July ..                 | 28,518                  | 46,239          | 19,963                 | 3,239           | 7,997                        | 1,305                          | 2,954                        | 1,089                          | 5,030                           |  |
| August ..               | 28,179                  | 37,205          | 21,061                 | 3,345           | 6,922                        | 1,271                          | 2,931                        | 1,113                          | 4,504                           |  |
| September ..            | 31,917                  | 40,560          | 23,220                 | 3,673           | 7,187                        | 1,329                          | 2,852                        | 925                            | 4,476                           |  |
| October ..              | 26,766                  | 35,415          | 17,797                 | 2,865           | 7,154                        | 1,351                          | 2,725                        | 937                            | 5,700                           |  |
| November ..             | 25,551                  | 42,114          | 17,193                 | 2,783           | 6,458                        | 1,347                          | 2,732                        | 994                            | 4,969                           |  |
| December ..             | 29,968                  | 60,434          | 14,981                 | 2,696           | 7,654                        | 1,447                          | 3,119                        | 764                            | 6,507                           |  |
| January ..              | 12,325                  | 15,145          | 5,094                  | 767             | 6,094                        | 793                            | 2,161                        | 689                            | 3,258                           |  |
| February ..             | 19,583                  | 27,474          | 14,930                 | 2,332           | 6,161                        | 1,238                          | 2,562                        | 869                            | 4,076                           |  |
| March ..                | 25,173                  | 34,355          | 17,866                 | 2,893           | 7,480                        | 1,332                          | 2,941                        | 957                            | 4,937                           |  |
| April ..                | 20,152                  | 28,228          | 15,627                 | 2,528           | 7,363                        | 1,197                          | 2,592                        | 777                            | 5,687                           |  |
| May ..                  | 24,556                  | 37,631          | 18,653                 | 2,993           | 7,822                        | 1,308                          | 2,957                        | 964                            | 5,379                           |  |
| June ..                 | 26,924                  | 45,937          | 22,581                 | 3,716           | 9,174                        | 1,363                          | 3,036                        | 869                            | 4,858                           |  |
| <b>1958-59—</b>         |                         |                 |                        |                 |                              |                                |                              |                                |                                 |  |
| July ..                 | 27,662                  | 44,718          | 18,343                 | 2,974           | 8,869                        | 1,339                          | 3,476                        | 1,001                          | 5,777                           |  |
| August ..               | 28,629                  | 40,527          | 18,112                 | 3,011           | 7,201                        | 1,209                          | 3,001                        | 959                            | 5,107                           |  |
| September ..            | 33,878                  | 52,418          | 24,392                 | 3,942           | 8,173                        | 1,374                          | 3,207                        | 866                            | 6,577                           |  |

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns.

(b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

# EXCHANGE RATES, GOLD PRICES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

| Period.      | Exchange Rates.(a)      |                         |                            | Gold Prices.(a)  |                    | Commonwealth Government Securities taxed at Current Commonwealth Rates. |                         | Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales. |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------------|--|
|              | Australia on London.(b) | London on New York. (b) | Australia on New York. (c) | Australia.       | London.            | Short Dated 2 years.(d)   | Long Dated 12 years.(d) |  |
|              | £A. per £100 Stg.       | \$ per £Stg.            | \$ per £A.                 | £A. per fine oz. | £Stg. per fine oz. | Per cent.   | Per cent.               |  |
| 1936-37 ..   | 125.25                  | 4.939                   | 3.929                      | 8.781            | 7.041              | (f) 3.57  | (g) 3.94                | (h) 5.3  |
| 1937-38 ..   | 125.25                  | 4.980                   | 3.961                      | 8.690            | 7.001              | (f) 3.30  | (g) 3.71                | (h) 5.3  |
| 1938-39 ..   | 125.25                  | 4.738                   | 3.759                      | 9.137            | 7.340              | (f) 3.67  | (g) 3.84                | (i) 5.4<br>(j)   |
| 1951-52 ..   | 125.25                  | 2.796                   | 2.224                      | 15.492           | 12.400             | 2.05  | 3.95                    | 4.4  |
| 1952-53 ..   | 125.25                  | 2.804                   | 2.231                      | 15.492           | 12.400             | 3.03  | 4.54                    | 4.7  |
| 1953-54 ..   | 125.25                  | 2.813                   | 2.238                      | 15.514           | 12.411             | 3.10  | 4.44                    | 4.9  |
| 1954-55 ..   | 125.25                  | 2.797                   | 2.226                      | 15.625           | 12.536             | 3.49  | 4.50                    | 5.2  |
| 1955-56 ..   | 125.25                  | 2.795                   | 2.228                      | 15.625           | 12.496             | 4.39  | 4.76                    | 5.8  |
| 1956-57 ..   | 125.25                  | 2.789                   | 2.220                      | 15.625           | 12.532             | 4.71  | 5.06                    | 6.5  |
| 1957-58 ..   | 125.25                  | 2.805                   | 2.232                      | 15.625           | 12.491             | 4.38  | 4.99                    | 7.0  |
| 1956-57—     |                         |                         |                            |                  |                    |   |                         | (i) (j)  |
| October ..   | 125.25                  | 2.785                   | 2.216                      | 15.625           | 12.575             | 4.68  | 5.05                    | 6.5  |
| November ..  | 125.25                  | 2.783                   | 2.214                      | 15.625           | 12.569             | 4.60  | 5.07                    | 6.6  |
| December ..  | 125.25                  | 2.785                   | 2.216                      | 15.625           | 12.532             | 4.69  | 5.09                    | 6.6  |
| January ..   | 125.25                  | 2.796                   | 2.225                      | 15.625           | 12.479             | 4.68  | 5.04                    | 6.6  |
| February ..  | 125.25                  | 2.798                   | 2.227                      | 15.625           | 12.469             | 4.70  | 5.05                    | 6.6  |
| March ..     | 125.25                  | 2.793                   | 2.223                      | 15.625           | 12.499             | 4.70  | 5.03                    | 6.6  |
| April ..     | 125.25                  | 2.789                   | 2.219                      | 15.625           | 12.520             | 4.77  | 5.06                    | 6.6  |
| May ..       | 125.25                  | 2.791                   | 2.221                      | 15.625           | 12.516             | 4.70  | 5.05                    | 6.7  |
| June ..      | 125.25                  | 2.790                   | 2.221                      | 15.625           | 12.539             | 4.62  | 5.04                    | 6.7  |
| 1957-58—     |                         |                         |                            |                  |                    |   |                         |  |
| July ..      | 125.25                  | 2.788                   | 2.219                      | 15.625           | 12.551             | 4.48  | 5.02                    | 6.8  |
| August ..    | 125.25                  | 2.783                   | 2.215                      | 15.625           | 12.565             | 4.51  | 5.01                    | 6.9  |
| September .. | 125.25                  | 2.785                   | 2.216                      | 15.625           | 12.552             | 4.44  | 4.98                    | 6.9  |
| October ..   | 125.25                  | 2.800                   | 2.228                      | 15.625           | 12.492             | 4.36  | 5.00                    | 6.9  |
| November ..  | 125.25                  | 2.803                   | 2.230                      | 15.625           | 12.479             | 4.43  | 5.00                    | 6.9  |
| December ..  | 125.25                  | 2.802                   | 2.233                      | 15.625           | 12.469             | 4.41  | 5.00                    | 6.9  |
| January ..   | 125.25                  | 2.813                   | 2.239                      | 15.625           | 12.445             | 4.40  | 5.01                    | 7.0  |
| February ..  | 125.25                  | 2.816                   | 2.241                      | 15.625           | 12.458             | 4.38  | 5.01                    | 7.0  |
| March ..     | 125.25                  | 2.815                   | 2.241                      | 15.625           | 12.464             | 4.30  | 4.98                    | 7.1  |
| April ..     | 125.25                  | 2.816                   | 2.242                      | 15.625           | 12.461             | 4.30  | 4.96                    | 7.1  |
| May ..       | 125.25                  | 2.816                   | 2.241                      | 15.625           | 12.472             | 4.25  | 4.96                    | 7.1  |
| June ..      | 125.25                  | 2.811                   | 2.237                      | 15.625           | 12.484             | 4.25  | 4.94                    | 7.1  |
| 1958-59—     |                         |                         |                            |                  |                    |   |                         |  |
| July ..      | 125.25                  | 2.805                   | 2.232                      | 15.625           | 12.522             | 4.28  | 4.96                    | 7.0  |
| August ..    | 125.25                  | 2.805                   | 2.233                      | 15.625           | 12.511             | 4.30  | 4.97                    | 7.0  |
| September .. | 125.25                  | 2.803                   | 2.231                      | 15.625           | 12.521             | 4.30  | 4.97                    | 7.0  |
| October ..   | 125.25                  | 2.807                   | 2.234                      | 15.625           | 12.508             | 4.25  | 4.98                    | 7.0  |

(a) Average of daily quotations. (b) Average of buying and selling rates for telegraphic transfers. (c) Selling rate. Direct quotation. (d) Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (e) Weighted average twelve months. (f) Under 5 years taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (g) Ten years and over taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (h) Urban securities only. (i) Rural and urban securities. (j) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

## INTEREST RATES.

(Per Cent. per Annum.)

| Date of Change in Rate. | Trading Banks—  |           |            |            |                               |                        |      |      | Commonwealth Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate). | Treasury Bills (Discount Rate). | Commonwealth Loans (Long Term). |  |  |  |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|------|------|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|--|
|                         | Fixed Deposits— |           |            |            | Overdrafts (Maximum Rate).    |                        |      |      |  |                                 |                                 |  |  |  |
|                         | 3 months.       | 6 months. | 12 months. | 24 months. | Commonwealth Trading Bank.(a) | Private Trading Banks. |      |      |  |                                 |                                 |  |  |  |
| 1940—1st March ..       | 1.75            | 2.25      | 2.50       | 2.75       | 4.25                          |                        | 2.00 | 1.75 | 3.625  |                                 |                                 |  |  |  |
| 28th May ..             | 1.50            | 2.00      | 2.25       | 2.50       | 4.25                          |                        | 2.00 | 1.50 | 3.250  |                                 |                                 |  |  |  |
| 1941—22nd Sept. ..      | 1.50            | 1.75      | 2.00       | 2.25       | 4.25                          |                        | 2.00 | 1.50 | 3.250  |                                 |                                 |  |  |  |
| 1942—14th March ..      | 1.25            | 1.50      | 1.75       | 2.00       | 4.25                          | 5.00                   | 2.00 | 1.50 | 3.250  |                                 |                                 |  |  |  |
| 1943—1st May ..         | 1.25            | 1.50      | 1.75       | 2.00       | 4.25                          | 5.00                   | 2.00 | 1.25 | 3.250  |                                 |                                 |  |  |  |
| 1944—17th January ..    | 1.00            | 1.25      | 1.50       | 2.00       | 4.25                          | 5.00                   | 2.00 | 1.25 | 3.250  |                                 |                                 |  |  |  |
| 11th August ..          | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.25       | 1.75       | 4.25                          | 4.75                   | 2.00 | 1.25 | 3.250  |                                 |                                 |  |  |  |
| 1945—1st March ..       | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.25       | 1.75       | 4.25                          | 4.75                   | 2.00 | 1.00 | 3.250  |                                 |                                 |  |  |  |
| 1st December ..         | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.00       | (c)1.50    | 4.25                          | 4.75                   | 2.00 | 1.00 | 3.250  |                                 |                                 |  |  |  |
| 1946—20th November ..   | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.00       | (c)1.50    | 4.25                          | 4.75                   | 2.00 | 1.00 | 3.125  |                                 |                                 |  |  |  |
| 1947—1st January ..     | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.00       | (c)1.50    | 4.25                          | 4.50                   | 2.00 | 1.00 | 3.125  |                                 |                                 |  |  |  |
| 1949—1st May ..         | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.00       | (c)1.50    | 4.25                          | 4.50                   | 2.00 | 0.75 | 3.125  |                                 |                                 |  |  |  |
| 1951—21st August ..     | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.00       | (c)1.50    | 4.25                          | 4.50                   | 2.00 | 0.75 | 3.750  |                                 |                                 |  |  |  |
| 1952—29th July ..       | 1.00            | 1.25      | 1.50       | (d)1.75    | 4.75                          | 5.00                   | 2.25 | 1.00 | 3.750  |                                 |                                 |  |  |  |
| 25th November ..        | 1.00            | 1.25      | 1.50       | (d)1.75    | 4.75                          | 5.00                   | 2.25 | 1.00 | 4.500  |                                 |                                 |  |  |  |
| 1955—1st January ..     | 1.25            | 1.50      | 1.75       | 2.00       | 4.75                          | 5.00                   | 2.50 | 1.00 | 4.500  |                                 |                                 |  |  |  |
| 1956—15th March ..      | 2.25            | 2.50      | 2.75       | 3.00       | 4.75                          | 5.00                   | 2.50 | 1.00 | 4.500  |                                 |                                 |  |  |  |
| 1st April ..            | 2.25            | 2.50      | 2.75       | 3.00       | (e) 6.00                      | (e) 6.00               | 2.75 | 1.00 | 4.500  |                                 |                                 |  |  |  |
| 10th May ..             | 2.25            | 2.50      | 2.75       | 3.00       | (e) 6.00                      | (e) 6.00               | 2.75 | 1.00 | 5.000  |                                 |                                 |  |  |  |
| 4th December ..         | 2.25            | 2.50      | 2.75       | 3.50       | (e) 6.00                      | (e) 6.00               | 2.75 | 1.00 | 5.000  |                                 |                                 |  |  |  |

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank.

(b) Rates for Private Trading Banks not published, but predominant rates between 1936 and 1940 were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. On 1st July, 1940, rates in excess of 5.25 per cent. were reduced by 0.25 per cent. and on 1st January, 1942, there was a further reduction of 0.125 per cent.

(c) 1 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000.

(d) 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000.

(e) Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5½ per cent.

## COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: SHORT-TERM DEBT REDEEMABLE IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£'000.)

| Date.         | Commonwealth. | States. | Total.  | Date.          | Commonwealth. | States. | Total.  |
|---------------|---------------|---------|---------|----------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 30th June—    |               |         |         | 1956-57—       |               |         |         |
| 1937 ..       | ..            | 46,408  | 46,408  | 30th June ..   | 150,000       | ..      | 150,000 |
| 1938 ..       | ..            | 46,598  | 46,598  | 1957-58—       |               |         |         |
| 1939 ..       | ..            | 50,228  | 50,228  | 31st July ..   | 139,000       | 3,000   | 142,000 |
| 1951 ..       | 108,280       | 2,400   | 110,680 | 31st August .. | 160,000       | 3,000   | 163,000 |
| 1952 ..       | 153,280       | ..      | 153,280 | 30th Sept. ..  | 185,000       | 3,000   | 188,000 |
| 1953 ..       | 225,000       | ..      | 225,000 | 31st Oct. ..   | 216,000       | 3,000   | 219,000 |
| 1954 ..       | 190,000       | ..      | 190,000 | 30th Nov. ..   | 228,000       | 5,000   | 233,000 |
| 1955 ..       | 160,000       | ..      | 160,000 | 31st Dec. ..   | 251,000       | 8,500   | 259,500 |
| 1956 ..       | 165,000       | ..      | 165,000 | 31st Jan. ..   | 249,000       | 8,500   | 257,500 |
| 1957 ..       | 150,000       | ..      | 150,000 | 28th Feb. ..   | 248,000       | 8,500   | 256,500 |
| 1958 ..       | 140,000       | ..      | 140,000 | 31st Mar. ..   | 241,000       | 6,000   | 247,000 |
| 1956-57—      |               |         |         | 30th April ..  | 168,000       | 6,000   | 174,000 |
| 30th Nov. ..  | 255,000       | 11,000  | 266,000 | 31st May ..    | 134,000       | 5,000   | 139,000 |
| 31st Dec. ..  | 270,000       | 14,000  | 284,000 | 30th June ..   | 140,000       | ..      | 140,000 |
| 31st Jan. ..  | 260,000       | 14,000  | 274,000 | 1958-59—       |               |         |         |
| 28th Feb. ..  | 270,000       | 14,000  | 284,000 | 31st July ..   | 142,000       | 3,000   | 145,000 |
| 31st Mar. ..  | 260,000       | 12,000  | 272,000 | 31st August .. | 163,000       | 3,000   | 166,000 |
| 30th April .. | 190,000       | 12,000  | 202,000 | 30th Sept. ..  | 195,000       | 3,000   | 198,000 |
| 31st May ..   | 147,000       | 9,000   | 156,000 | 31st Oct. ..   | 228,000       | 3,000   | 231,000 |

(a) Excludes overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.  
For meaning of symbol .. see page 1.

# COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.(a)

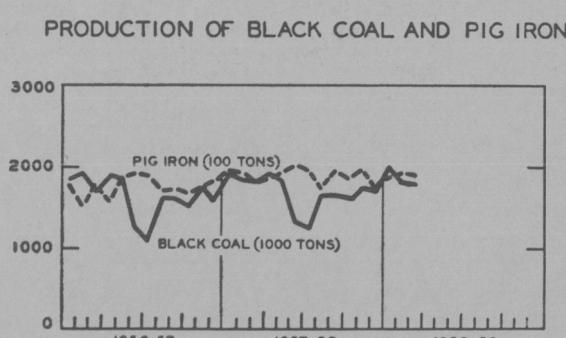
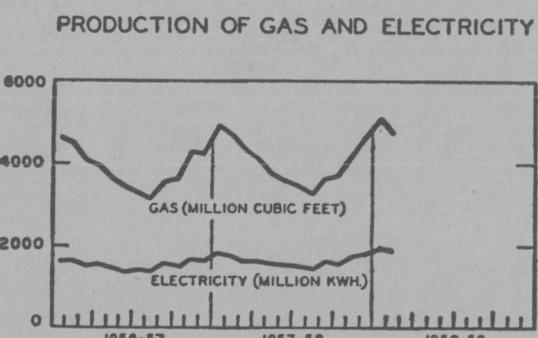
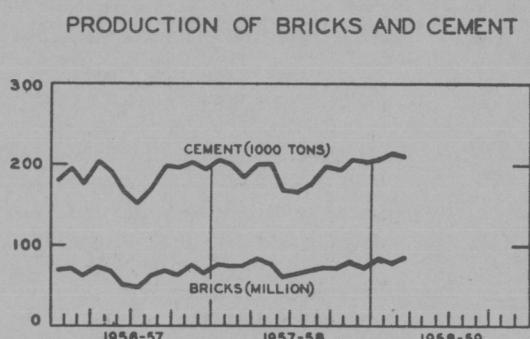
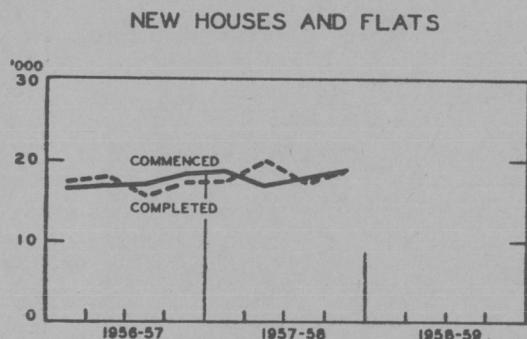
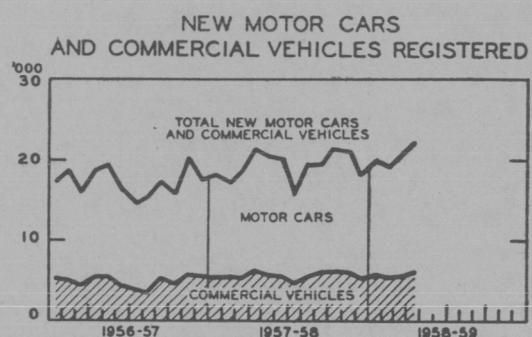
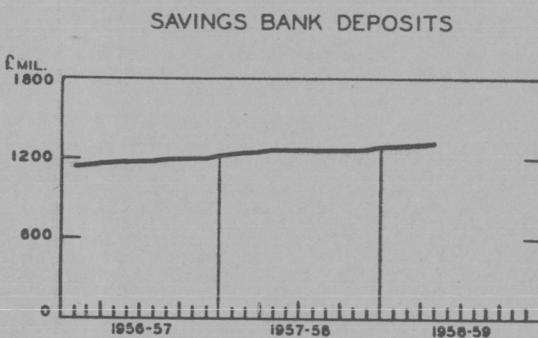
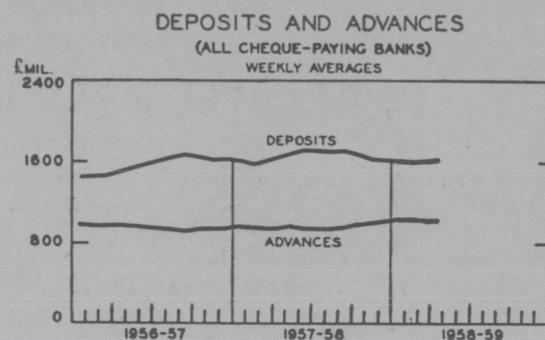
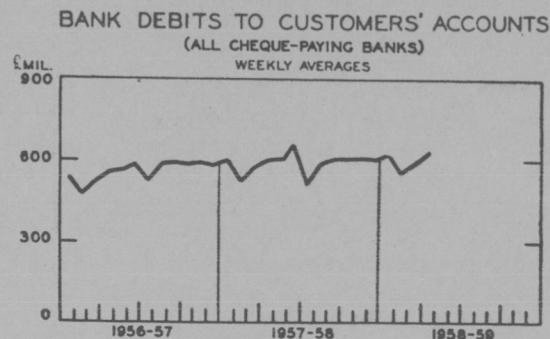
## CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS.

(£ million.)

| Period.            |    | New South Wales.(a) | Victoria. | Queens-land. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Six States. | Common-wealth. | Grand Total.(b) |
|--------------------|----|---------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|
| REVENUE.           |    |                     |           |              |                  |                    |           |             |                |                 |
| 1938-39            | .. | 51.1                | 27.0      | 19.3         | 12.3             | 11.0               | 3.6       | 124.3       | 95.1           | 209.5           |
| 1952-53            | .. | 182.8               | 97.0      | 63.2         | 44.2             | 38.7               | 12.1      | 438.0       | 1,040.1        | 1,305.7         |
| 1953-54            | .. | 188.7               | 106.7     | 69.7         | 48.4             | 43.6               | 13.3      | 470.4       | 1,022.8        | 1,314.2         |
| 1954-55            | .. | 195.4               | 116.8     | 73.8         | 48.7             | 46.1               | 14.5      | 495.3       | 1,067.4        | 1,378.2         |
| 1955-56            | .. | 204.4               | 123.1     | 75.7         | 55.4             | 49.6               | 17.8      | 526.0       | 1,138.4        | 1,466.1         |
| 1956-57            | .. | 223.8               | 133.2     | 85.2         | 61.6             | 54.3               | 18.8      | 576.9       | 1,311.8        | 1,672.4         |
| 1957-58            | .. | r231.5              | r142.3    | 88.0         | 66.3             | 57.1               | 20.0      | r605.2      | 1,323.8        | p1,690.3        |
| 1958-59 (Estimate) | .. | 237.8               | 152.5     | 99.4         | 67.8             | 59.8               | 21.7      | 639.0       | 1,310.5        | 1,699.6         |
| 1956-57—           |    |                     |           |              |                  |                    |           |             |                |                 |
| July—August        | .. | 31.4                | 16.3      | 11.7         | 8.2              | 8.1                | 2.2       | 77.9        | 145.1          | 192.7           |
| September          |    | 47.6                | 24.8      | 17.9         | 12.2             | 12.2               | 4.1       | 118.8       | 212.4          | 285.6           |
| October            | .. | 65.7                | 35.0      | 25.1         | 16.6             | 16.5               | 5.3       | 164.2       | 287.7          | 391.2           |
| 1957-58—           |    |                     |           |              |                  |                    |           |             |                |                 |
| July—August        | .. | 33.7                | 18.8      | 12.9         | 9.8              | 8.2                | 2.2       | 85.6        | 150.8          | 204.0           |
| September          |    | 50.4                | 28.0      | 19.7         | 14.5             | 12.3               | 4.2       | 129.1       | 221.3          | 301.8           |
| October            | .. | 68.8                | 38.3      | 26.9         | 19.4             | 16.7               | 5.4       | 175.5       | 304.5          | 415.3           |
| 1958-59—           |    |                     |           |              |                  |                    |           |             |                |                 |
| July—August        | .. | 34.0                | 19.4      | 13.2         | 9.0              | 8.3                | 2.5       | 86.4        | 152.7          | 204.5           |
| September          |    | 51.8                | 29.5      | 20.3         | 13.9             | 12.7               | 4.7       | 132.9       | 227.7          | 308.6           |
| October            | .. | 69.8                |           | 28.0         | 19.3             | 18.4               | 5.9       |             | 309.0          |                 |
| EXPENDITURE.       |    |                     |           |              |                  |                    |           |             |                |                 |
| 1938-39            | .. | 53.6                | 27.8      | 19.3         | 12.7             | 11.2               | 3.6       | 128.2       | 95.1           | 213.4           |
| 1952-53            | .. | 182.7               | 97.4      | 63.0         | 44.2             | 39.2               | 11.8      | 438.3       | 1,040.1        | 1,306.0         |
| 1953-54            | .. | 188.6               | 106.0     | 69.3         | 46.6             | 43.7               | 13.3      | 467.5       | 1,022.8        | 1,311.3         |
| 1954-55            | .. | 197.6               | 115.4     | 73.6         | 50.9             | 46.6               | 14.7      | 498.8       | 1,067.4        | 1,381.7         |
| 1955-56            | .. | 211.2               | 126.4     | 77.4         | 56.8             | 51.4               | 17.7      | 540.9       | 1,138.4        | 1,481.0         |
| 1956-57            | .. | 223.7               | 137.6     | 85.2         | 61.6             | 56.2               | 19.6      | 583.9       | 1,311.8        | 1,679.4         |
| 1957-58            | .. | r231.5              | r145.5    | 89.5         | 66.7             | 58.2               | 20.8      | r612.2      | 1,323.8        | p1,697.3        |
| 1958-59 (Estimate) | .. | 237.8               | 154.2     | 101.2        | 68.8             | 61.8               | 22.8      | 646.6       | 1,310.5        | 1,707.2         |
| 1956-57—           |    |                     |           |              |                  |                    |           |             |                |                 |
| July—August        | .. | 32.0                | 18.9      | 13.9         | 9.5              | 9.6                | 2.5       | 86.4        | 179.2          | 235.3           |
| September          |    | 49.4                | 29.6      | 20.2         | 14.1             | 14.0               | 4.3       | 131.6       | 262.8          | 348.8           |
| October            | .. | 69.4                | 41.7      | 28.1         | 19.8             | 18.6               | 6.0       | 183.6       | 354.4          | 477.3           |
| 1957-58—           |    |                     |           |              |                  |                    |           |             |                |                 |
| July—August        | .. | 33.5                | 21.5      | 14.2         | 9.9              | 9.6                | 2.7       | 91.4        | 181.6          | 240.6           |
| September          |    | 49.5                | 31.5      | 21.0         | 14.9             | 14.2               | 4.8       | 135.9       | 272.1          | 359.4           |
| October            | .. | 71.4                | 45.6      | 29.2         | 21.1             | 19.3               | 6.7       | 193.3       | 378.3          | 506.9           |
| 1958-59—           |    |                     |           |              |                  |                    |           |             |                |                 |
| July—August        | .. | 34.2                | 21.6      | 14.5         | 10.4             | 10.1               | 2.8       | 93.6        | 198.5          | 257.5           |
| September          |    | 51.1                | 33.0      | 22.5         | 15.6             | 14.9               | 4.9       | 142.0       | 306.3          | 396.3           |
| October            | .. | 73.0                |           | 30.8         | 22.0             | 21.5               | 6.9       |             | 413.4          |                 |

(a) Represents the combined transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Board—included in the annual Budget Papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals have been adjusted to exclude State payments to the Commonwealth in respect of pay-roll tax and Commonwealth payments to the States included in State Consolidated Revenue Funds in respect of the interest on State debts, special grants, uniform taxation, special financial assistance, grants to universities, tuberculosis capital expenditure and National Welfare Fund payments. There are other relatively minor payments for which adjustments have not been made and the adjusted figures are therefore still slightly overstated.

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